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IRAQI FORCE EJECTED FROM HABBANIYAH

DARLAN SUPS WITH THE DEVIL

An agreement between Admiral Darlan and Abetz, Hitler's representative in Paris, was announced in Vichy yesterday.

The agreement provides for modification of the restrictions of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied France and a reduction in the costs of the German army of occupation.

In regard to occupation costs, it is envisaged that as a first step France's daily payments will be reduced 25 per cent from 400 million to 300 million francs.

OTHER QUESTIONS HAVE STILL TO BE FINALLY THRASHED OUT.—REUTER.

"Permission To Cross" Clause

The agreement provides that the demarcation line between Occupied and Unoccupied France will be open, in general, for the passage of goods and securities.

Persons will be allowed to travel between the two zones in the event of the serious illness or death of a relative.

Free correspondence by plain postcards will be allowed.

Permission to cross the line will be granted to members of the Army and Air Force on the same conditions as already in force for sailors.

According to Paris Radio, Marshal Petain has left his estate near Cannes by special train to meet Admiral Darlan.—Reuter.

British Troops Take Offensive

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's condition has improved but his doctor has advised his staying indoors for two days more.—Reuter.

SEVEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed in daylight yesterday was brought to seven when R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the north-east coast in the evening.

There was considerable enemy activity off the south-east coast yesterday when in a series of dog-fights British fighters shot down six enemy fighters and severely damaged a number of others.

One Spitfire squadron got four of them in three different fights off the Kentish Coast.

Two British fighters are missing. During daylight on Tuesday, four enemy fighters were destroyed, two by fighters and two by anti-aircraft gunfire. Five British fighters are missing from Tuesday's operations but three pilots are safe.—Reuter.

ARAB RECRUITS FOR BRITISH ARMY

The Mayor of Nablus, Suleiman Toukan, told a parade of Arab recruits for the British Army yesterday that he cherished glorious memories of their brethren who, a quarter of a century ago under the leadership of King Hussein and his noble sons, fought alongside British troops in defence of freedom until victory was achieved.

"If their aim was noble and lofty your aim to-day is even more so."—Reuter.

LORD BEAVERBROOK AT PALACE

Lord Beaverbrook was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday on his appointment as Minister of State.—Reuter.

BRITISH ARMoured UNITS and troops and Iraqi levies, operating from Habbaniyah, ejected the Iraq rebels on Tuesday from positions overlooking the cantonment, according to a communique issued in Cairo.

The R.A.F. continuously attacked the rebel lines the previous night and during the engagement on Tuesday rendered continuous close support, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy and subsequently keeping them on the move during their withdrawal towards Falluja.

Rebel casualties were very heavy while those of the British were negligible. The British captured over 300 prisoners. Guns flown in aircraft to the scene of the battle contributed to the defeat of the Iraqis.

The aerodrome at Moascar Al Raschid Iraq was again bombed. One hangar was completely destroyed by fire, a twin-engined aircraft blown up, a number of others severely damaged and the aerodrome surface badly cut up.

The British aircraft received practically no opposition.—Reuter.

Rutbah Retaken

British forces have occupied Rutbah, on the pipeline from the Mosul oilfields to Haifa, according to a Rome despatch to the official German news agency.

Iraqi forces occupied Rutbah last Friday after attacking and taking prisoner an unarmed British working party.—Reuter.

DOVER HEAVILY SHELLED

The Dover area was rocked last night by a brief but vicious burst of shelling by German long-range guns mounted on the French coast.

The bombardment began in the bright light of the setting sun with salvos at intervals of several minutes.

The shell-fire warning was sounded. Cinemas emptied and audiences ran for cover.

One shell burst overturned a car which caught fire. Two people were killed and 12 injured altogether.

Anti-aircraft guns fired on Messerschmidts spotting for the German artillery. One Messerschmidt spiralled down out of control and is believed to have crashed in mid-Channel.—Reuter.

MEDIATION RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is unconfirmably reported that the Iraqi Premier, Rashid Ali, has accepted Turkey's good offices to mediate between Iraq and Britain.

Some quarters hope peace negotiations will be instituted though latest advices state that hostilities are progressing.

Meanwhile the Syrian authorities are rushing reinforcements to the Iraq border.

British planes have again dropped leaflets on Baghdad, calling for a revolution.—International News Service.

STALIN AFRAID OF NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stalin's assumption of the Premiership marks a change in Soviet policy and the resumption of a new German drive, according to a B.B.C. broadcast yesterday.

The announcer said: "The Soviet rejected the German proposal to join the Axis and signed a pact of friendship with Yugoslavia a few hours before that country was invaded by the Germans."

"Stalin now takes over the Premiership at a time when the German drive to the east threatens what Russia regards as her sphere of activity in Asia."—International News Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CAIRO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Capt. James Roosevelt arrived in Cairo yesterday to act as U.S. Marine Corps observer.—International News Service.

SERIOUS PRIVATION IN GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hundreds of thousands of hungry and homeless Greek refugees and soldiers and their families are asking "What next?" as the defeated and bewildered kingdom fights another foe—privation.

The suffering in Greece threatens to become worse daily. The country's borders are shrinking rapidly as its neighbours take further slices.

The overseas wheat supply has been cut off and Yugoslavia, source of vegetable supplies, has gone.

While refugees are trudging into the interior from the border areas, Athens appears normal on the surface.—International News Service.



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"IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DILATE AT LENGTH UPON THE SAD AND SQUALID TALE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN VICHY BUT I REALLY DO NOT THINK WE WOULD PROFIT OURSELVES WELL IF WE TARRIED LONG ON THAT PAINFUL SPECTACLE," SAID MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, REPLYING YESTERDAY TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT'S PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

PRESIDENT INEUNU RETURNS

President Ineunu of Turkey has returned to Ankara from a tour of the western provinces, says an Ankara despatch, quoted by the German News Agency. — Reuter.

MR. Churchill thanked Mr. Lloyd George for the great restraint with which he spoke about "a country whose relations are so highly valued by us and whose part to play in this great world conflict is of the greatest importance." (Cheers).

Mr. Churchill continued: "There are two

points on which I can relieve his feelings and anxieties about Turkey."

The first was about the war vessels which took Greek islands and carried German troops through the Dardanelles. The Turks had no right to stop them. Mr. Churchill then read the Article of the Convention dealing with the Straits and added, with reference to merchantmen, "I believe one of them might have been used in the occupation of an island but there were other vessels in possession of the Germans and Italians which could equally have been used for that purpose."

"This is a question of interpretation of the treaty and is a matter for Turkey."

Not Helpful

Mr. Churchill referred to a remark by Mr. Lloyd George about the agreement between Turkey and Iraq, and said Mr. Lloyd George was evidently referring to Iran.

"I am happy to be able to relieve Mr. Lloyd George's anxiety. It appears that the arrangement is between Turkey and Persia and relates to measures to strengthen the Turco-Persian border, which we knew all about and which was prepared for some time and now is to be put into force as from April, 1941."

"I do not think Mr. Lloyd George's speech is particularly helpful in a period of what he himself has called discouragement and disheartenment."

"It is not the sort of speech one would have expected from the Great War leader of former days who was accustomed to brush aside despondency and push onward to the distant goal."

"IT IS A SPEECH WITH WHICH I THINK THE ILLUSTRIOUS MARSHAL PETAIN MIGHT WELL HAVE ENLIVENED THE DAYS OF REYNAUD'S CABINET. (LAUGHTER)."

"I am grateful to him for one note he struck, namely that he made it clear we should close our debate by a vote of confidence."

Vote Of Confidence

"Because of the kind of speech we have heard from him I think Government was right to put down a vote of confidence, because after our reverses and disappointments in the field they have a right to know where they stand with the Commons and where the Commons stands with the country."

"It is still more important for the sake of foreign nations, especially nations balancing their policy at the present time and who should be left in no doubt about the stability of this Government, and obstinate War Government."

"IT IS ESSENTIAL, CONSIDERING THE TREMENDOUS

ISSUES AT STAKE, AND REALLY NOT TO EXAGGERATE THE FRIGHTFUL RISKS WE ARE ALL GOING TO RUN AND WHICH ARE BEING RUN THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CERTITUDE UPON THESE MATTERS.

The Only Way

"In enemy countries there is the liveliest interest in our proceedings. I flatter myself that high hopes are entertained that all will not go well with His Majesty's present advisers at the present time."

"The only way in which these doubts can be removed, or these expectations discouraged, is by a full debate followed by a division."

"Government is entitled to ask that such a vote shall express itself in unmistakable terms."

"I should be the last to reject even unfair criticism or fair criticism, which is so much more searching, but there is a kind of criticism which is a little irritating."

Switch From Hedge

"When a bystander sees a horse team dragging a heavy waggon uphill and cuts a switch from a hedge and belabours them, he may well be animated by a benevolent purpose and benefit may result from his efforts to get the waggon to the top."

"But it would be a pity if this debate consisted wholly of critical and condemnatory speeches because it would give a distorted impression to important and interested foreign observers, who are not well acquainted with our parliamentary or political affairs. Therefore I ask for a vote of confidence. (Cheers)."

"This is a free Parliament and a free country. We have succeeded in maintaining under unprecedented difficulties and dangers, which in some cases might be mortal, the whole process and reality of Parliamentary institutions. (Cheers)."

Honour Clear

"I am proud of this. It is one of the things we are fighting for. I cannot believe any man would bear the kind of burden which falls upon Government today unless he were sustained by the strong and convinced support of the Commons and the nation."

"The only relief I feel is that everything in human power was done by us and that our honour as a nation is clear."

"MR. HORE-BELISHA AND SOME OTHERS HAVE SPOKEN OF THE IMPORTANCE IN WAR OF FULL AND ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE OF THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS. THAT IS ONE OF THE GLIMPSES OF THE OBVIOUS IN WHICH HIS SPEECH IS BOUND."

"As far as the German invasion of the Balkans is concerned, we had long and ample forewarning of what was in prospect."

Warned Of Perils

"Our diplomacy has never ceased for a moment to apprise countries of the perils coming on them and to urge common action by which alone could security and safety be attained."

"For weeks we watched the remorseless movements of vast German forces through Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria towards Yugoslavia, until, at least 40 divisions, including five armoured divisions, were massed on the scene."

"Hitler has told us it was a crime in such circumstances for us to go to the aid of the Greeks."

"I don't want to enter into arguments with experts (Laughter) but this is the kind of crime of which he is a good judge. (Laughter)."

The Same Path

"Looking back upon the course of events, I can only feel, as the Prime Minister of New Zealand so nobly declared, that if we had again to tread that path, even with the knowledge we possess today, I for one would do the same thing again. (Cheers)."

"But, after all, military operations must be judged by the success which attends upon them rather than the sentiments which inspire them, though these may play their part in

the verdict of history and in the survival of races."

"It remains to be seen whether the Italian dictator, by invading Greece, and the German dictator, in coming to his rescue and involving Greece and Yugoslavia in a bloody weller, in fact have gained an advantage or suffered a loss when the full story of this war is complete, even from the military viewpoint."

No Source Of Strength

"In addition to the whole Balkan people, a number of ancient and independent states which have fallen under the Nazi yoke and have to be held down by brute force or intrigue, may by no means prove a source of strength to the German army."

"This vast machine is now spread from the Arctic to the Aegean and from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. That is no source of strength."

"Turning from the military to the political aspect nothing can more surely debar the Germans from establishing and shaping a new Europe, and one will surely emerge, than the fact that the German army and the German race have become and are becoming more universally and intensely hated among the peoples of all lands than any enemy or any race."

The Record

"History bears the records. (Cheers). Some have compared Hitler's conquests with Napoleon's. It may be Spain and Russia will shortly furnish a new chapter to that theme."

"IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, THAT NAPOLEON'S ARMIES CARRIED WITH THEM THE FIERCE, LIBERATING, EQUALITARIAN WINDS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, WHEREAS HITLER'S EMPIRE HAS NOTHING BEHIND IT BUT RACIAL SELF-ASSERTION, ESPIONAGE, PILLAGE, CORRUPTION AND THE PRUSSIAN BOOT."

"Napoleon's flashed away, so I derive confidence that the will power of the British nation, expressing itself through the stern, steadfast and unyielding House of Commons, will once again perform its liberating functions and humbly execute its high purpose among men."

Might Of U.S.

"I say this with more confidence because we are no longer a small island lost in the northern mists but around us gather in broad array all the nations of the British Empire."

"Now, from across the Atlantic, the might of the United States Republic proclaims itself on our side or at our side, or at any rate, near our side."

"I do not to-day discuss the large and complicated questions of munitions or food. Probably in secret session the Minister of Supply will make a statement to the House."

"THERE IS ONE SIMPLE POINT ABOUT TANKS, WHICH MR. HORE-BELISHA IN HIS SPEECH MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED, FOR HE WAS HEAD OF THE WAR OFFICE IN THE YEARS PRECEDING THE WAR."

"In the last war, tanks were built to go three or four miles an hour and stand up to rifle or machine-gun bullets. In the interval, mechanical science advanced so much that it is possible to make tanks to go up to 25 miles an hour and stand up to cannon fire."

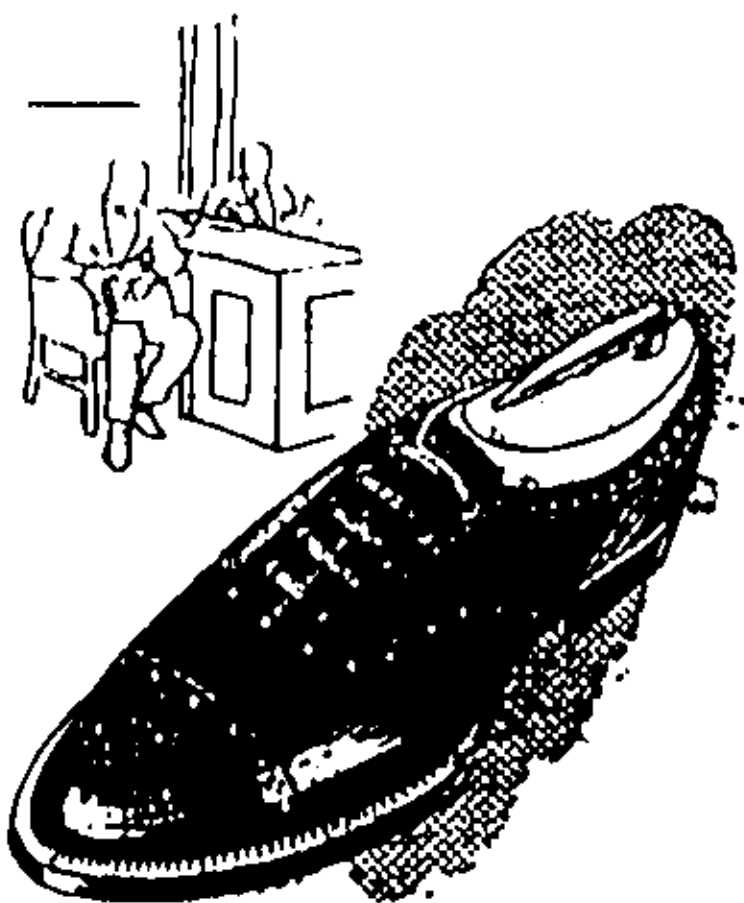
Hitler Profited

"It is a particular revolution by which Hitler has profited. It was well known in military and technical circles for years before the war."

"It did not spring from German but from British ideas and others like General de Gaulle. It has been exploited and turned to our grievous injury by the non-inventive but highly competent and imitative Germans."

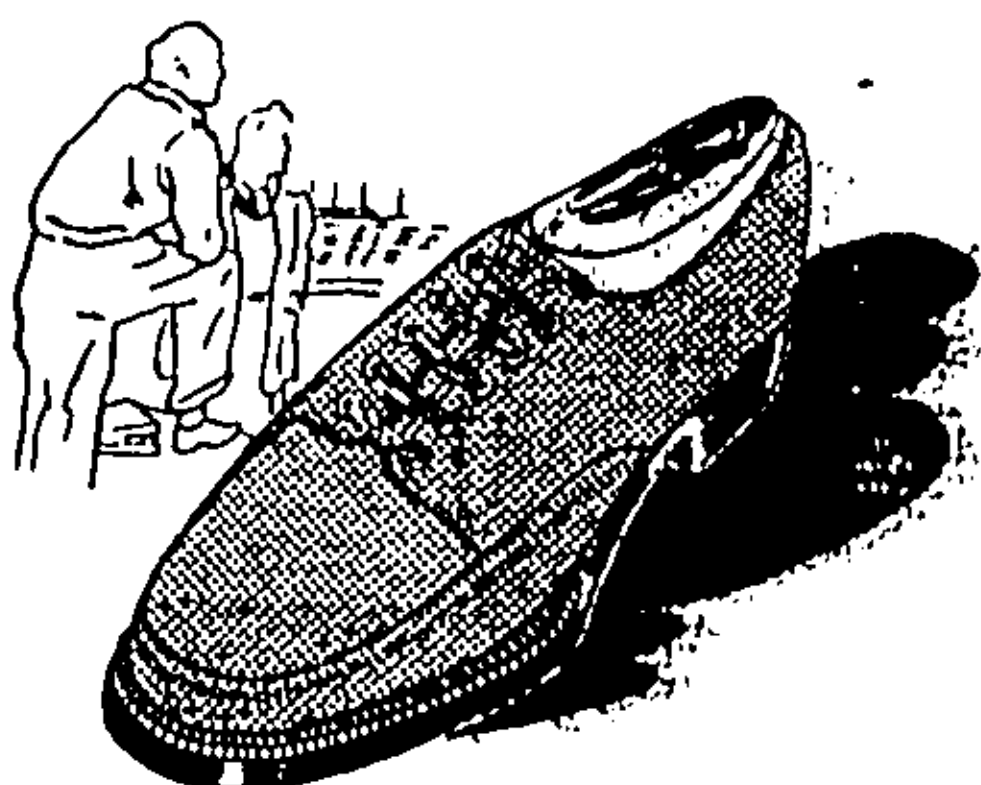
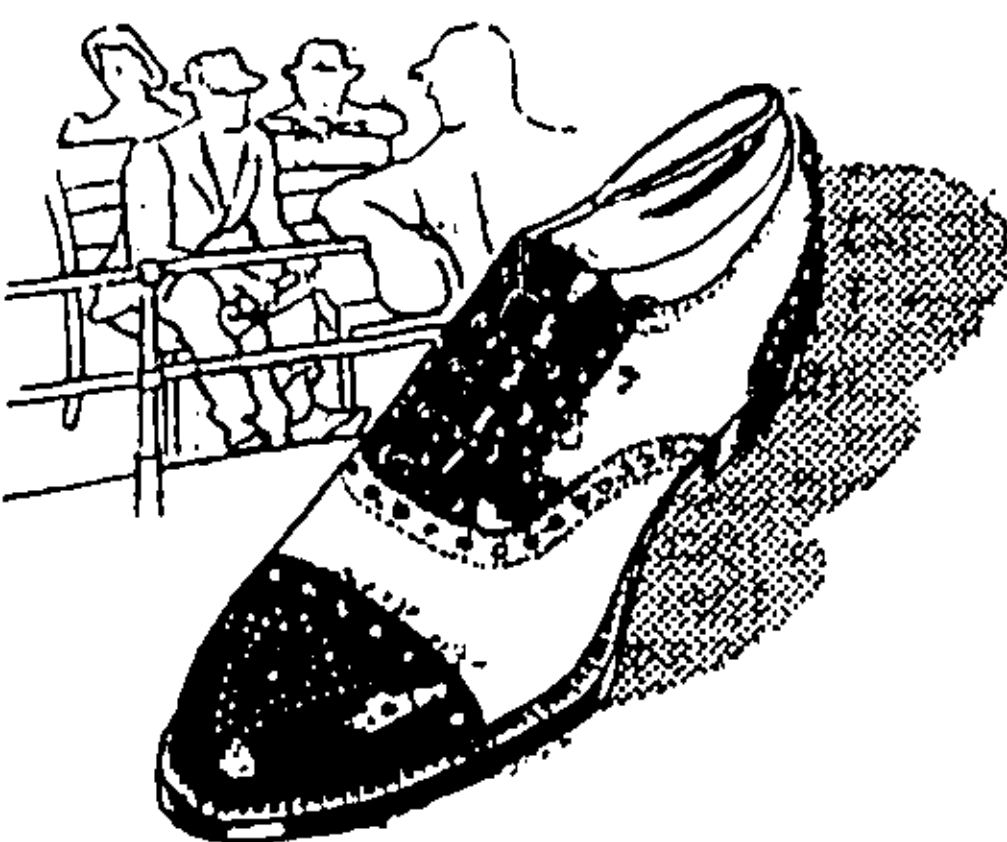
"FOR THE COMFORT OF MR. HORE-BELISHA, LET ME TELL HIM WE ARE MAKING EVERY MONTH NOW AS MANY TANKS AS THERE EXISTED IN THE BRITISH ARMY AT THE TIME HE LEFT THE WAR OFFICE AND THAT WE SHALL BE

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PREMIER ON DEFENCE OF NILE

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Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms about the composition of the Government, Mr. Churchill declared the Government "works easily and effectively at present and I do not propose to make a further change until further advised."

Negative Principle

"Something has been said of the importance of my being surrounded by people who would stand up to me and say 'No, no, no.'"

"He has no idea how strong the negative principle is in the constitution and working of British war-making machinery. (Laughter)."

"The difficulty is not to have more brake put on the wheel but to get more impetus and force behind it."

"In the business of Libya and Greece, no violence has been done to expert military opinion. All decisions have been taken unitedly and purely voluntarily in goodwill under the pressure of events."

"I personally, as head of the Government, obviously assumed the responsibility in a most direct personal form."

"IT FOLLOWS THAT I AM THE ONE WHOSE HEAD MAY BE CUT OFF IF WE DO NOT WIN THE WAR — AND I AM VERY READY THAT THIS SHOULD BE SO — AND THAT BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WOULD PROBABLY EXPERIENCE AN EVEN MORE UNPLEASANT FATE AT THE HANDS OF THE TRIUMPHANT HUNS. (LAUGHTER)."

Nile Valley Issues

"There is a tendency in some quarters, especially abroad, to talk about the Middle East as if we could afford to lose our position there and yet carry on the war to victory on the oceans and in the air."

"Stated as an academic strategic fact that may be true but do not let anyone underrate the gravity of the issues being fought for in the Nile Valley."

"Loss of the Nile Valley and the Suez Canal, of our position in the Mediterranean, of Malta, would be among the heaviest blows we could sustain."

"We are determined to fight for them with all the resources of the British Empire and we have every reason to believe we shall be successful."

Half A Million Men

"General Wavell has under his orders at present nearly 500,000 men. A continuous flow of equipment has been in progress from this country during the last 10 months and now that Italian resistance in Abyssinia, Africa and the Somaliland is collapsing, a steady concentration northwards of all these forces is possible."

"Indeed, it has been for many weeks rapidly proceeding, and General Smuts has ordered the splendid South African Army (Cheer) forward to the Mediterranean shore."

"But the warfare of the Western Desert, or any of the deserts which surround Egypt, can only be conducted by comparatively small numbers of highly equipped troops."

"Employment in the desert of large numbers may only lead to disaster. That is what happened to the Italians."

"A total of 180,000 men lay along African soil and once the head of these forces was chopped off it was not physically possible for them to retreat."

El Aghella

"The same thing, with important modifications, may well have happened to us when German armoured forces defeated and largely destroyed our single armoured brigade which was guarding the advanced frontier of the province of Cyrenaica."

"I HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT EL AGHELLA. THE GENERALS WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY TAKING UNDUE RISK IN PERSONAL MOVEMENTS."

STIMSON LIVENS STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly firm, sentiment being encouraged by Mr. Stimson's speech. Gilt-edged securities resumed the upward movement and small gains were also recorded among leading industrial shares, especially building shares. Home rails were dull and oils fully steady, with Burmah oil 46s. 3d. against 44s. 4d. Kafirs were firmly held and were occasionally higher on Cape support. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

"Events are moving so fast and people have so much to do that there is no time to dwell upon the past, but certain broad features will surprise the House."

"The German armoured force was not much larger than our own. Technical mistakes and mischances occurred. With very little fighting our armoured forces became disorganised."

Tobruk Fortress

"Other troops we had in Benghazi only amounted to a division, which by a rapid retreat, gained Tobruk unmolested and there gained a large garrison, and with reinforcements, stands there at bay to-day."

"As we now know, the Germans had no expectations of proceeding beyond Agadabia. They meant to engage our armoured troops and create a diversion to prevent the despatch of reinforcements to Greece whilst bringing over larger forces from Italy and Sicily."

"When they won their surprising success they accepted it with organised audacity and pushed on into the desert, taking little thought what they should eat or drink for the morrow."

"They pushed on until they came up against a very heavy prop at Tobruk and until they came to the large forces which guarded the frontiers of Egypt and he back, securely based on road and sea communications."

"There at present they have stopped."

"It would be foolish to carry the story further but as long as the enemy has superiority in armoured vehicles they will have the advantage in desert warfare, although at present the air forces are about equal."

German Problem

"For an invasion of Egypt with the German main force, enormous preparations would be required. A pipeline might have to be made to carry an artificial river forward with the troops."

"We are lying back on our fertile desert which, incidentally, is the worst ground for armoured vehicles. We have command of the sea and the Germans are confronted with problems far more difficult than any they have solved in Africa."

"This is all the more true while we are defending, as we intend to defend to the death without thought of retirement, the highly offensive outposts of Crete and Tobruk."

"Crete has not yet been attacked. The strategic significance of Tobruk was obvious from the first and anyone can see how its irresistibility has proved itself on the enemy."

"We intend to fight with all our strength for the Nile Valley and the command of the Mediterranean. Our troops and resources will give a good account of themselves."

Deeds Not Words

"Let there be no feather-headed or defeatist talk about cutting our losses in the Middle East."

"As I said in December, when our situation in Egypt was far more critical than now, it is a case of deeds not words."

"Our generals on the spot believed no superior German force could advance effectively across the desert as soon or as quickly as they did and that if they did advance they would not be able to nourish themselves."

"That was a mistake but anyone who supposes there will not be mistakes in war is very unreal and foolish."

"It has yet to be seen how the forces that advanced will fare in the heavy fighting with all its hazards, that still lies before them, at no great distance."

Strategic Asset

"When your enemy has five or six times the regular army that you have, when he is more

Lloyd George's Speech On War Administration

RESUMPTION OF THE debate on the vote of confidence had been resumed by Mr. Lloyd George with a spirited speech.

He said that with the first part of the resolution (expressing confidence in the Government) everyone agrees but there were parts of the Government's war administration on which there was dissatisfaction and disappointment.

adequately equipped and is much stronger in the air and in tanks and when he lies in the centre of the war scene and can strike out in one, two or three directions simultaneously, out of a choice of seven or eight, it is evident that your problem becomes rather difficult."

"It is not possible to avoid repeated rebuffs and misfortunes and these we shall very likely have to go through for quite a long time."

"Our Intelligence Service was thought to be the best in the world in the last war and it is certainly not the worst in the world to-day."

In Iraq

"As long ago as May, the Foreign Office began to ask for troops to be sent to Iraq to guard our lines of communication. But all the troops we had got had to go to the Nile Valley."

"In default of these troops, it was difficult to make headway against the pro-Axis intrigues of Raschid Ali, whose object obviously was to have everything ready for the Germans as soon as they could reach Iraq according to plan."

"THEREFORE THE ILL-INFORMED, SLOTHFUL, KID-GLOVED BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY FORESTALLED THIS PLOT."

"A strong British force landed and assumed control of the highly important bridgehead in the east—Basra—wherefore we shall doubtless have to fight hard and long."

"Raschid Ali was led into more violent courses. For several days we were very anxious about the position there."

"We have made great progress in all these spheres but there is much more to do."

"With the continued flow of assistance already given us by the United States we can probably maintain our minimum essential traffic during 1941."

U.S. Assurances

"For 1942 we must look to the immense construction of merchantmen in the United States. I have received assurance of construction by the U.S. which, added to our own large programme, should see us through that year."

"Maybe 1943, if we have to endure it as a year of war, will present easier problems."

"The United States Patrol announced by President Roosevelt takes a considerable part of the Atlantic in a certain degree off our hands, but we need a good deal more help and I expect we shall get a good deal more help in many ways."

"It has been declared we are to have all help that is necessary but here I speak with caution because no British Minister can forecast, still less prescribe, the policy of the United States."

"When that mighty Democracy of 130 million gets on the move, one can only await full developments of the translation of those vast psychological manifestations into physical means."

Besiegers Routed

"Yesterday the garrison at Habanyah sallied out, completely routed the besiegers and put them to flight. Twenty-six Iraqi officers and 408 men were taken prisoners and total enemy casualties are estimated at 1,000."

"Possibly the Germans will arrive before we have crushed the revolt, in which case our task will become more difficult."

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Stimson Speech

Mr. Lloyd George thanked God for Colonel Stimson's speech which showed that the Americans realised the gravity of the position, but it was important "not to exaggerate what you are going to get or rather how quickly you are going to get it."

In the last war, America put their fleet in the Atlantic while Japan guaranteed the Pacific, but to-day the Americans had got to keep in mind that they are now the sole guardians of the Pacific."

War Council

If America was going to enable us to catch up, and then to overtake Germany, she had got to do infinitely more than any indication he had heard of up to the present."

He urged the Prime Minister to reconsider the whole distribution of manpower and to have a real War Council of three or four men who should have nothing to do but study problems and give the Prime Minister their mature advice. — Reuter.

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STIMSON SPEECH A TURNING POINT IN AMERICAN HISTORY

MR. STIMSON'S BROADCAST SPEECH IS GENERALLY HAILED BY THE UNITED STATES PRESS AS A TURNING POINT IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" describes it as an eloquent and incisive call for use of the U.S. Navy to police the seas against German piracy.

The next two or three weeks, the paper declares, are likely to be the most critical in the history of the United States.

"Let us have a showdown with Hitler while it is still possible for us to have it at our own tremendous advantage." The "New York Times" emphasises the United States cannot afford to make the mistake other Democracies have made over and over again—a mistake of too little and too late.

War Call

It declares "The decision we are called upon to make is one of the greatest in our history. The question we are confronted with is not whether or not Americans want war. If Britain is defeated we are going to get war whether we want it or not." BATAVIA RADIO, COMMENTING ON THE SPEECH, SAYS "EVEN MR. CHURCHILL COULD HARDLY HAVE DONE BETTER."

"In a manner worthy of a public prosecutor Mr. Stimson flung his accusations straight into the teeth of the man who is to blame for all the misery he has caused mankind."

THE SPEECH WAS AT ONCE A WARNING AND A DECLARATION OF WAR.—REUTER.

WAR OF THE SMALL PEOPLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who arrived in the U.S. by Clipper from Britain yesterday, urged the immediate commencement of American convoys for British ships taking war materials across the Atlantic.

"England is absolutely dependent on the United States," Mr. Menzies declared.

"This is a war of small people and the small people of England are looking for increased aid from small people over here." —International News Service.

"N.C.D.N." FINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Found guilty of violating the Betting and Lottery Act, the "North China Daily News" was fined in H.M. Police Court yesterday 10/- on each of three charges for publishing lottery advertisements.

The magistrate remarked that according to British law the facts proved an infringement of the Act despite the fact that the lottery was operated for relief.

Further, defence counsel failed to prove to the court's satisfaction that the Act was unsuitable for application to China. —International News Service.

GERMAN SEAMEN ROUNDED UP

OVER 100 GERMAN SEAMEN, STRANDED IN NEW YORK SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP BY THE POLICE AND CHARGED WITH OVER-STAYING THEIR LEAVE IN THE UNITED STATES.

It is expected they will be interned.

Similar round-ups are believed to be proceeding in other American ports.—REUTER.

STRIKE IN BELGIAN COAL MINES

A strike has broken out in the Belgian coal mines, according to information from Brussels reaching the Free Belgian news agency in London yesterday.

The miners, who have refused to join the only union open to them, stopped work a week ago and are being fined two marks for each day they remain on strike. —REUTER.

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR"

Mr. Menzies' Confidence

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR. I do not say that in any easy optimism, but I say it with supreme confidence," declared Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, in a speech at Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Menzies was addressing members of the Canadian Club at luncheon, shortly after his arrival from New York in a Canadian Royal Air Force bomber.

"We British," he said, "have the will, the men, and the spirit. All we need is for the world to give us the machines."

"Our cause is the cause of the United States and of all civilised peoples. It is the cause of the common man."

"The saddest thing he had ever seen was the people of Britain being led from blazing streets; the sight of them hurrying to work again next morning was the happiest."

"These people are not going to ask for peace—they are going to fight for it."

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, and Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, attended the luncheon.

The members greeted him with rousing applause.

Afterwards, Mr. Menzies attended a meeting of the Canadian War Cabinet. He is expected to address the Canadian House of Commons at a later date.—REUTER.

NAZIS AND DARDANELLES

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY SAYS THAT THE QUESTION OF THE DARDANELLES HAS NOT SO FAR LED TO ANY COMPLICATIONS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE RELATING TO THE MONTREUX CONVENTION.

The statement added that Turkey had adhered rigidly to its obligations and had not allowed warships through the Straits or their use as a naval base. —REUTER.

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COL. KNOX'S ADDRESS

AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

The address of Secretary of the Navy Knox at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association follows:

AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, of course, I do have access to intimate details of information, from all parts of the world, that are not available to all, but this larger and more intimate knowledge in nowise changes the general aspect of the world situation as it is set forth daily in your publication and mine.

What we all see is an America which is gradually becoming encircled by military powers whose ideals, institutions and methods are all of them irreconcilably antagonistic to our ideals, institutions and methods.

These same powers have also openly and repeatedly proclaimed themselves our enemies, and these openly avowed enemies have joined themselves together in a pact which they do not hesitate to say is aimed at us, and at us alone!

The only reason that this hostile pact, admittedly aimed at us, has not resulted in open warfare upon us has been because it does not suit the present purpose of these powers to engage in war with us. Wherever, in the judgment of the Axis powers, it better suits their purpose to begin hostilities, hostilities will begin, and nothing that we can do, save prostrating ourselves in abject surrender, will change this.

For months there has been almost complete suspension of all direct contact between the United States and all of Europe, save Britain alone.

Across the course of the ships that ply this single route have been flung an enlarged fleet, no one knows how numerous, of submarines — submarines which, due to scientific discoveries, are vastly more effective than they were in the last war.

The sea-going range of these submarines has been immensely increased, and the field of their activity steadily expands westward, far over the line which divides the Atlantic between Europe and America.

French Bases

Possession of convenient bases on the French coast has added a whole fleet of surface raiders — ships of high speed, and some of them of great gun power, which prey disastrously upon the commerce between Britain and America. Finally, from bases in Northern Norway and Western France, huge fleets of heavy bombers circle back and forth to add terror from the skies to the dangers that lurk along the sea lanes leading to a beleaguered England. Steadily the toll of lost ships mounts far faster than replacements can be made.

To the southward of conquered Europe lies the Mediterranean, an accustomed highway for our ocean commerce in times of peace. To-day the Mediterranean is forbidden waters. On its bosom ply only the craft that carry supplies to fighting armies, and the British and Italian men of war who fight for its control. Gone is all of our contact with the nations that border that sea.

The great continent of Africa, itself a field for contending armies, offers no ports for our merchantmen's trade. Its western coast, which thrusts itself half way across the South Atlantic, affording an excellent base for operations against the southern half of the Western Hemisphere, is denied our commerce. Whether we swing eastward around the Cape of Good Hope or to the westward through the Straits of Magellan, we find enemy raiders infested eggs. At the end of our journey, we go westward or eastward, we encounter an Axis partner who openly proclaims he entered that partnership in an effort to prevent us from interfering with their policies of ruthless military aggression.

Russo-Japanese Link

The latest link in the chain of encirclement that is being forged by the Axis powers is

the recently announced agreement between Russia and Japan.

Russia was not in any peril of attack by Japan. Japan not only has her hands full, and more than full, in her attempt to subjugate Southern China by force of arms, but her aspirations are not northward. They are southward. Japan imperatively needed assurance that she would not be attacked in the north while she was pressing her designs in the south. Just how much assurance Japan feels that her Manchukuo border is safe, I do not know, but whatever that assurance may be it enhances the likelihood of an expansion of hostilities by Japan into a region which is one of the sources of critical war materials for both Great Britain and ourselves. The conclusion of this pact is certain to strengthen the hand of the war party in Japan.

Empty Promise

Japan's promise, on the other hand, not to help Hitler if Hitler should attack Russia, is an empty promise. Japan could not help Russia in Europe if she wanted to, and Hitler does not need the help of Japan for such a purpose.

The end, therefore, of this deal between Russia and Japan which tightens the circle around us, leaves Russia quite as likely an object of attack by Hitler as she was before the deal was made, and leaves Japan free from any Russian interference in the Far East. Summed up in military terms, the Russo-Japanese agreement makes Japan more secure as she pursues her dream of domination of all Eastern Asia and leaves Russia no stronger in the event of an attempted Nazi seizure of the Ukraine.

Nazi Domination Aim

Thus, everywhere, as we estimate the situation the world around, the pressure on us grows — through Libya; through Egypt and the Suez; through Yugoslavia and across to the sea; from the western coast of Africa to South America; through the Pacific to the Dutch Netherlands, and, most vital of all, across the broad North Atlantic from German bases in France and Norway, now to Greenland. German strategy — world strategy, carefully planned and efficiently executed — is becoming clearer each day. German aspirations for world domination can no longer be mistaken. The jaws of the Nazi trap are closing.

How long will we remain bemused and stupefied while the Axis powers press their plans for our isolation and ultimate defeat? Wherein lies the difference between what Germany has done to her earlier victims and what she is doing to us? First, the bland and hypocritical assurance that she has no hostile plans. That is what she told Poland when she signed the Polish non-aggression pact. Then, the organization of a skillfully integrated information service that would lay bare our weaknesses, our internal divisions and our vulnerable spots just as she did in France, and then, the organi-

sation of her fifth columns not yet loosed, to the maximum, but sufficiently active to warp us unmistakably of their presence, just as she did in Norway. Next, a steady encirclement and seizure of vantage points from which to launch her attack, just exactly as she has just done in Yugoslavia. Why, we even emulate the Axis victims in our psychology. We think we can escape while all the rest of the world suffers. We keep alive a wretched patriotism when a united patriotism should characterise our thinking. We refuse to believe that the Axis powers even intend to attack us, or could be successful if they did. We refuse to face the realities of the situation in South America, the protection of which from successful invasion is a primary condition of our defence.

'Fatuous Complacency'

In that great region to the south of us, readily available as a base for an attack upon us, there is neither the military nor naval power to resist against invasion. In our fatuous complacency we ignore that in the present economic set-up the tug of self-interest comes from Europe and not from North America. We fail to give due consideration to the size and significance of the subversive, pro-Nazi elements in many of the countries in that region — subversive elements that would speedily promote revolutionary chaos to the advantage of the Axis itself.

Many of us fail to face what it will mean to our security if the Axis powers once gained a foothold close to our borders. We ignore what that might mean to the safety of the Panama Canal, the most vital line of communication under the American flag. Too few of us realise, and still fewer acknowledge, the size of the disaster to American hemispheric safety if Germany, already the conqueror of France, should establish herself in Dakar, a French colonial possession. From there, with her surface ships, submarines and long-range bombers, a victorious Germany could substantially cut us off from all commerce with South America and make of the Monroe Doctrine a scrap of paper.

If England Fell

Finally, some of the very blind among us refuse to see what will be the inevitable result if the final link in the chain of our encirclement is forged and the battle of the Atlantic is lost and England succumbs, with her fleet sunk or captured.

This is but a partial, withal a brutally blunt, summary of the strategy of encirclement of which we are the victims. Before we attempt an inventory of the measures we could take to meet this growing menace, this obvious encirclement, let us thoroughly digest this fact: Suppose this should happen — that our encirclement and isolation was complete and England had fallen. We then will be given but two choices — the choice of surrender or the choice of fighting. We won't surrender and we will fight. No one who knows about America and Americans doubts that. Consequently, we must fight ultimately unless we find and put into effect measures that will enable Britain to win without our fighting.

Course Already Outlined

We have already gone far in this direction. We have declared that the fight that England is making is our fight. We have likewise affirmed that our enemies she is fighting are our enemies. We have denounced without reserve Axis aggression, Axis faithlessness to treaties, Axis brutal and murderous disregard of international good faith, and we have said, with an overwhelming public approval of this statement, that we are in the fight to stay until victory for human liberty, for justice and her good faith is won.

We have made our productive facilities available to those who are fighting the Axis. We have loaned them much of our military equipment, although we had insufficient for our own defence. We have passed the Lend-Lease bill and appropriated \$7,000,000,000 to implement that bill by an

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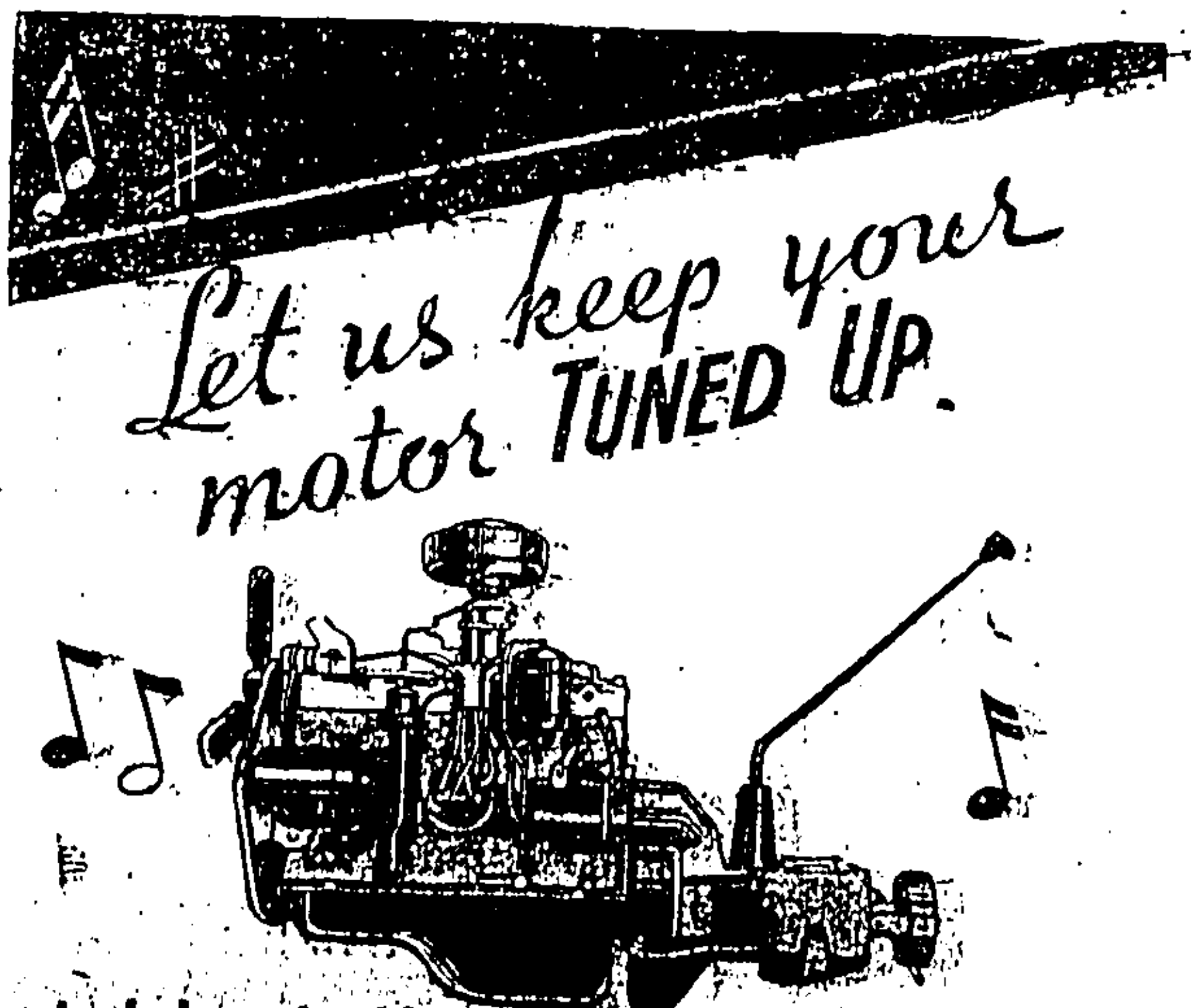
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THE PRESENT OUTLOOK

Most of the gaps in Mr. Churchill's story of the Balkans campaign have been filled in by Mr. Eden. General Wavell was able to invest in the Balkans roughly three divisions and a certain strength of air force in order to sustain the heroism of the Greeks, bring in the Yugoslavs and the Turks and so establish a south-eastern front. The force was small and the attempt failed.

This does not mean that it was a waste to make it. Except for the troops and equipment lost in Greece (a small percentage of the whole) we are in no worse position than we would have been had we remained passive; but the Germans are. The Nazis are on the Aegean; but whereas they would have arrived there, had we refused to go to the aid of Greece, in peace and in full command of an undamaged communication net through the Balkans, they have actually arrived only at a heavy cost in life and machinery, with the whole country disrupted behind them, and filled with embittered peoples.

On balance, the attempt has unquestionably gained more than it has cost. But it is also true that the failure has created a new situation. Britain has lost her last foothold on the Continent; at the same time, she has paid a heavy price in prestige which doubles the difficulty of securing a re-entry.

Whatever hope there may have been in either Vichy or Weygand seems now to be gone for good; Italy has been to some extent revived; Spain will doubtless fall whenever Hitler chooses to demand it; unless Britain can find the force to intervene soon, West Africa and Dakar will probably follow; and while Mr. Eden, who is in as good a position as any to judge, is confident of Turkish resistance, there are many who feel that this is dubious at best.

Apparently, Egypt and Suez have been saved from the threat through North Africa, and it is reasonable to expect that these positions, together with Crete, can be held. The Nazis have demonstrated that no difficulties of terrain and no half-armed resistance, however glorious, can stop them anywhere on the Continent, so long as they are allowed to choose their field and have time to prepare the onslaught. There can no longer be any reliance on allies, on limited campaigns to "stiffen" this people or "arouse" that one. In the meanwhile, the outcome of the war will continue to hang upon the endurance of the citadel of the British Isles.

Hitler would now seem to have two alternatives—to press the war at both ends of the Mediterranean, with the idea of splitting the empire and re-establishing the Italians before turning on the British Isles, or switching back his main forces for an immediate all-out assault on Britain. In either event, the strain upon the people of Britain over the next few months is going to be a terrific one, both materially and morally.

President Roosevelt has given an emphatic "yes" to the question of whether Britain will hold out and whether American sup-



NO KID GLOVES

Mechanised Warfare

The campaigns of the current war have made so manifest the vital importance of using, in modern warfare, a mechanised force and of applying tactical principles based on the speed of that force that the question of the origin, nature and methods of action of this new "motor-air combat" team, has become not only of professional but of general interest.

As far back as five years before the beginning of this present war, General, then Captain, Charles de Gaulle who since the surrender of France has been the leader of the "Free Frenchmen," wrote a book, now published in English, in which he stressed the importance and urged the creation of a picked mechanised and armoured force, seeing in it the only adequate means of national defence. Such a force was used in the present war by France's adversary in Europe and, later on, by the British in Africa, in both cases with results so disastrous for their respective opponents that we can plainly see now how imperative was the need for the formation of the "imaginary" force advocated by General de Gaulle and the adoption of the principles laid down by him not only for France but for her allies as well.

In six brief but brilliantly written sections of the volume the author tells how France, because of the geographical disadvantages characteristic of her frontiers,

plies should continue to be sent. But Britain cannot hold out on words alone or on planes and tanks consigned to the bottom of the sea, and the remarkable speech by Col. H. L. Stimson indicates that that is well understood in Washington.

There is every likelihood now of early action by the United States to secure the lifeline by naval cooperation.

The defeat in Greece spelt the end of all half-measures. Hitler can win this war, unless the democratic world now puts all it has into preventing it, unless the United States fearlessly "delivers the goods" as well as makes them the goods to hold the British outpost now, and to accumulate later the crushing force which we now see to be the only answer to Hitlerism.

could not solve the problem of her national defence except by having, in addition to the mass of reserves and recruits, "slow to mobilise and clumsy to set going," a special body of troops, highly trained, mobile, protected by armour and ready for instantaneous action in combined operations with aircraft, the creation of which had been made possible by the enormous progress of modern

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technique, and he further sets forth what the composition and employment of that mechanised force should be and what kind of leadership it demands.

In his arresting analysis he foresaw that it would be in the "terrible breach" in the North-east, "age-old weakness of France," that the initial blow would fall, the shortest and easiest path being that toward the sources of the Oise, near which, at Sedan, less than fifty miles away, the breakthrough actually took place. He pointed out that France could not afford to lose even a single battle, since that would mean Paris put to fire and sword. He said that it would be absurd to build the country's defence solely on the "resistance of fortifications manned by novices," and he arrived at the conclusion that there could be no French defence without the above-mentioned mechanised force, capable of acting without delay, winning all important victories at the very outset, on which the development of future operations would so much depend.

It is impossible not to see how closely the merely theoretical principles, expounded in this book (such as the use of initiative and speed and the launching of surprise assaults, all cited as conditions inherent to victory) resemble the actual principles on which action by mechanised forces was based in the war now going on. But the resemblance is even more striking when we compare the imaginary attacks vividly described by General de Gaulle, with the lightning tactics used by Germany in Poland and Western France. As one significant detail, we even find that the strength of the armoured force used in the Polish campaign, which is estimated at some six or seven panzer divisions, was substantially the

same as that of the "army of shock-troops" which de Gaulle had projected in 1934. It is of further interest that a year after France saw the publication of his book there appeared in a German military periodical an article on the tactics of armoured troops which was later followed by another and, finally, by a special study in which mechanised warfare was described in even greater detail than in the volume here reviewed.

There is, of course, no way of telling whether General de Gaulle's book had influenced the German author, an officer by the name of Guderian, who incidentally, was that general who commanded one of the mechanised columns in Poland and was subsequently in command of the "completely motorised" corps which broke through at Sedan. He may have been impressed by the earlier exponents of mobile warfare, such as von Seeckt and even before him the French General Buat, who was probably the first to proclaim that "with the appearance of the motor on the battlefield, mobility has regained its full importance." But the greatest significance lies in the fact that, unlike France, the Germans did not confine themselves to paper expositions of the tactical powers of the armoured divisions, but as early as 1935 they began to create such divisions out of the cadres of the motorised companies of the Reichswehr, which was admitted in the articles mentioned above.

That the French were slow to create a mechanised force, and at the same time modify the established ideas and the technique of warfare was due, no doubt, for one thing, to the instinctive and understandable fear of every army, particularly of a victorious army, to undertake fundamental reforms, such as changing its structure and tactics. But the outstanding answer to that question is apparently to be found where de Gaulle speaks of the general conditions under which France functioned in the pre-war period. In one place the author says that there had "developed in our people an anti-war psychosis which is being carried to excess," while in another we read that "there are so many discussions and so many contingencies in public life that the best activities, even when they are set in motion, seldom lead to results." In short the situation was one very close to "paralysis."

Under these conditions, though General de Gaulle ended his prophetic study with a hope that a change "must come," his hope, or belief, as has since been made plain, was without foundation.

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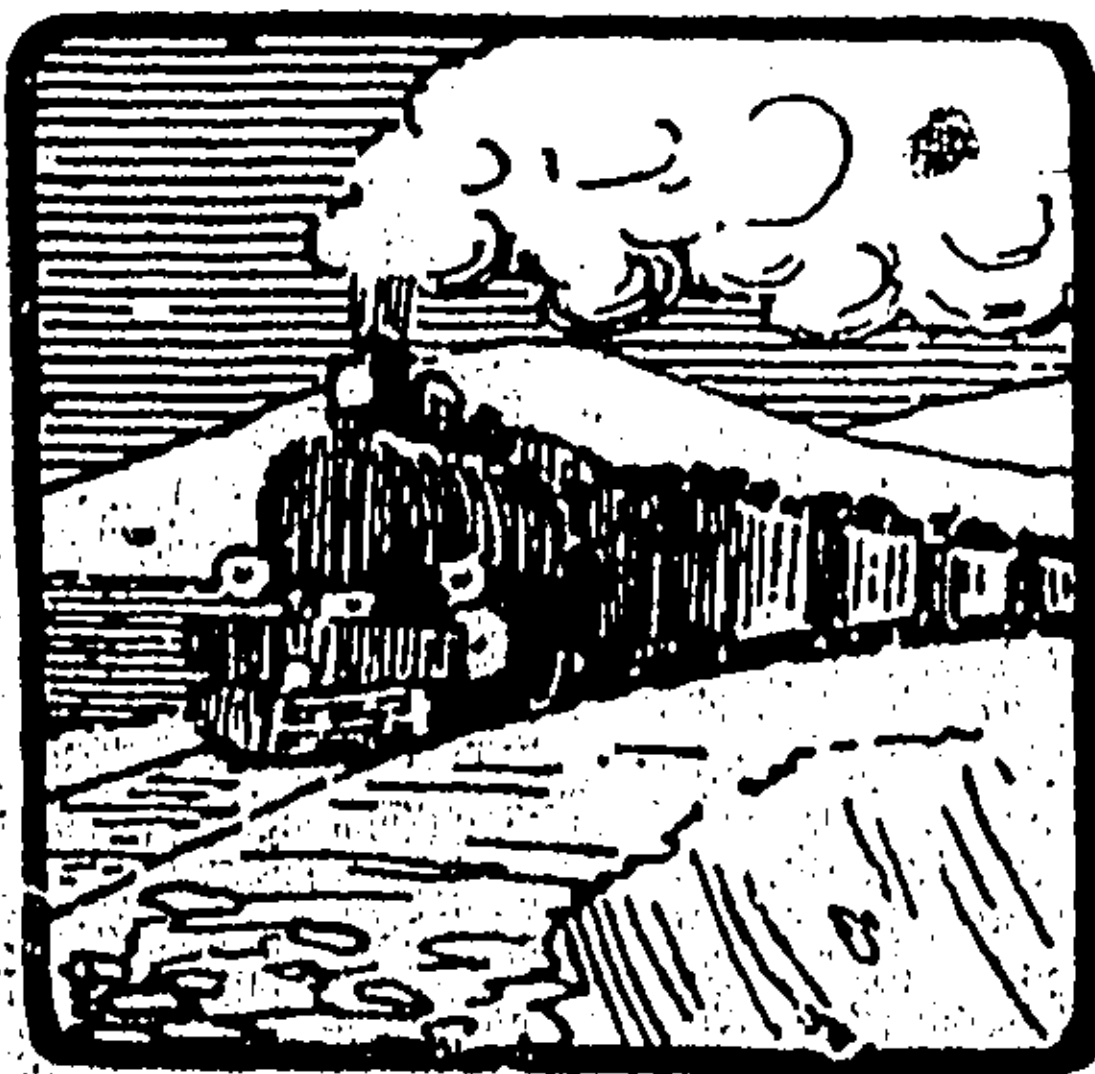
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AS "PRAVDA" SEES IT

SOVIET-JAPAN PACT BALKS U.S.A.

THE SOVIET UNION, through the newspaper "Pravda," official organ of the Communist party, bluntly described the new Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact as a bewildering blow to the plans of United States and British interests whom it accused of having conspired to draw Russia into war against Japan or Germany.

Declaring that the pact had been under consideration for ten years, "Pravda" said it was not directed against Germany and at the same time disclosed, without elaboration, that the Kremlin last November had refused a bid to become an Axis partner.

Calling the Japanese-Russian agreement an instrument of peace that "creates a solid foundation for development of friendly relations between the two states," the Communist organ added:

"This obvious fact did not suit the taste of those foreign political circles that are striving not to limit but to extend the atmosphere of war and, above all, to draw the Soviet Union into the orbit of war."

U.S. Statement Is Cited

"In the American press there appeared even an official statement emanating from the State Department that 'the significance of this pact is somewhat exaggerated; it merely formulates on paper relations which lately have existed between these countries.'"

"However, the attempt to belittle the importance of the Soviet-Japanese pact suffers a fiasco. The nerves of certain Anglo-American commentators are giving way."

"Pravda" asserted that both British and United States newspapers had begun to display "unexpected solicitude" for the interests of the two signatories, adding that "discussion is growing on the subject of who benefits more from the pact—the U.S.S.R. or Japan."

"All arguments of the British and American press," "Pravda" said, "lead one to conclude that, irrespective of the extent to which the pact benefits Japan or the U.S.S.R., it disturbed the plans of London and Washington politicians."

"Pravda" cited Washington reports to the effect that the United States had sought friendly relations with Moscow, hoping that strained Soviet-Japanese relations would deter Japan from attacking Britain's South Pacific naval base at Singapore and the Netherlands Indies.

Aims Of Pact Are Given

"But," it went on, "the 'ungrateful' Soviet Union failed to appreciate such an attitude toward itself and concluded the pact with Japan, directed against extension of the war and against embroiling the Soviet Union in war. Isn't it annoying!"

The newspaper said the "underlying foreign political motive of the 'friendly gestures' of Washington toward the U.S.S.R." was revealed by Washington correspondents Robert Kitner and Kyle Alsop.

It also singled out an article by Walter Lippmann, which it said advanced the theory that the Soviet Air Force would threaten Japan while the Red Army menaced Japanese armies in Manchukuo.

Mr. Lippmann, "Pravda" contended, "reveals the plans of certain American politicians who had hoped to get others to draw their chestnuts out of the fire for them."

"Pravda" also said that other commentators had interpreted the Soviet-Japanese pact as giving Japan a free hand in the Netherlands Indies, Burma, Thailand and Singapore.

"So that is the real point!" it continued. "These are the true causes of the alarm of Mr. Lippmann and his bosses."

"Pravda" charged that "Lippmann's bosses" fear for their interests in the Pacific, where they apparently have weak spots and

would desire to divert Japan's attention from these vulnerable spots by fanning conflicts between the U.S.S.R. and Japan."

"Consistent" Policy Of Peace

"But, alas, the U.S.S.R. remains invariably true to its 'bad behaviour' and consistently carries out a policy of peace, which found its expression also in the neutrality pact between the U.S.S.R. and Japan so disagreeable to American and British commentators," "Pravda" declared.

The article said that the "same fervor" had been shown in foreign press discussions as to whether the new pact meant an improvement or worsening in Russia's relations with Germany.

"Some commentators state that the Soviet-Japanese pact practically is directed against Germany," it said. "Others, on the contrary, assert that it was signed allegedly under direct pressure of Germany."

"It is hardly necessary to prove that there is no grain of truth in any of these assertions."

In its review of the Soviet-Japanese agreement, "Pravda" disclosed in detail for the first time the history of the negotiations leading to its signing on April 13 by Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, and Vyacheslav M. Molotov, Russian Premier and Foreign Commissioner.

The newspaper said that Japan had refused the original Soviet proposal for a non-aggression pact ten years ago. The matter was not again raised until July, 1940, when Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, proposed a neutrality agreement. The Soviet Government approved in principle, but its conclusion was delayed by negotiation on specific terms.

In October, 1940, the new Japanese Ambassador, Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, proposed a non-aggression pact patterned after the Soviet-German treaty of 1939, "Pravda" said. However the Soviet Government replied that it preferred a bilateral neutrality agreement similar to the Soviet-German pact signed in 1926, and the new treaty followed this pattern.

SLEIGH CHAMPION JOINS UP

The world's champion long-distance dog-sleigh driver has left his huskies to learn to fly a long-distance bomber.

Leland Abbott, who made the longest dog-sleigh trip on record when he drove his seven dogs from the Canadian Arctic to New York, 3,800 miles, in September, 1938, to attend the New York World's Fair, has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He has sacrificed a £10 a week touring job in the United States and sold his huskies.

"I felt I had to come back to do my bit," he said.

HEART OF OAK

During a night raid a bomb dropped a few feet from an English oak tree, planted at a south coast local Coronation sports ground in commemoration of the crowning of the present King and Queen.

The tree was not moved.

THIS PATIENT HAS TO STAY PUT

There is one patient, a woman, who must stay in the battered Cardiff hospital.

She is a radium patient.

Inside her is a tube of radium worth at least £600.

It was put in just before the blitz.

It cannot be taken out for forty-eight hours and she will remain in the building until that time has elapsed.

BLACK MAN BEAT TANK

An official cable from Nairobi a tribute to the spirit of the Gold Coast troops in the fighting in Somaliland—men who at the beginning of the war had never seen a train or a motor-car, but who were prepared to face anything.

He reports: "We put one of them through the bush with an anti-tank gun. About dawn an Italian armoured car came out of the bush at them only a hundred yards away."

"Although this monster came crashing directly towards his 'hide-out,' the African did not open fire until the enemy was within thirty yards and then he shot the driver dead."

Abyssinian Hero

An Exchange Telegraph correspondent writes: When the story of Abyssinia's fight for freedom is written Dejasmatch Nagash, a picturesque figure, will be looked upon as one of the greatest heroes of independence.

For five years, this little man, whom the British appointed Governor of Burie after its capture, kept harassing the Italians to such an extent that they placed a price on his head.

Italian aircraft scoured the country-side for him, but without success, although one dived so low over him that it was brought down by the chief's own men.

FLARE ATTACK BY E-BOATS

Night attack on a British convoy by E-boats, firing flares to light up their targets—as told by an R.A.F. officer in a balloon barrage ship.

Thursday, 02.20 hours. — The place seemed to become like a fireworks display.

Everybody who had anything seemed to let it off.

Tracers showing up scarlet in the night were returned by bullets which appeared green in colour.

Then we heard a "phew"—almost next door it seemed, but whatever it was it did not find its mark.

After what seemed hours, but was only a few minutes, it seemed that the fireworks party was falling astern.

By the gun flashes and rattle of machine-guns, I knew our escort was doing its stuff.

DESERTION FROM GANDHI TEMPERS INDIAN POLITICS

THE INDIAN Christian community which has hitherto attracted less attention than its importance deserves promises to play a useful part in the political struggle now going on in India.

Twenty years ago this community numbered in all about 4,500,000 persons. By 1931 it had increased to close on 6,000,000, a growth of 32 per cent. in 10 years.

Since then it has not only developed further in numerical strength but the high proportion of literates it contains is enabling it to exercise influence far beyond that to which mere counting of heads might seem to entitle it.

Valuable New Book

Evidence of this is to be seen in a well-informed volume on India's future now published by one of its members. The writer is Mr. J. Chinna Dural, a highly cultivated barrister of the Middle Temple in England. Its title is "The Choice Before India." (Jonathan Cape, London.)

This volume gives an inside account of the present situation in India throwing new light on the political problems involved and indicating that forces of good sense and moderation are growing up which may quite conceivably before long fundamentally change the entire political balance.

Mr. Dural contends that the scale has begun to incline already away from Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and the India National Congress Party which these leaders control and towards a group of parties of more moderate opinion, including Non-Congress Hindus and Indian Christians.

These "moderates," he claims, represent by themselves a much larger body of Indian public opinion than does the Congress Party. If they can succeed, therefore, in joining hands with the main organisations of the 70,000,000 non-Congress Indian Moslems, they should constitute a combination strong enough to transform the whole present political makeup of India.

They have hitherto, he holds, failed to do this only because of the superior political machinery that the Congress has got together.

So powerful has this Congress Party machinery become that even those who are quite out of sympathy with Congress views often hesitate to speak out in public, although the next elections are likely to show a notable swing-over in voting strength in the legislative bodies.

The main split is over two points. One concerns appreciation of the need for India to throw in its lot wholeheartedly with Britain against the dictatorial countries. The other has to do with the ending of that Hindu-Moslem friction which now holds up all constitutional advance.

The great mass of educated Indians, Mr. Dural points out, realise that the full independence which Congress demands would leave India at the mercy of those who would destroy all prospect of its obtaining autonomy. On the other hand, they know that Indian party disagreement is all that prevents India's obtaining complete self-government within the British Empire.

A Compromise Plan

Signs of the new movement are seen in a recent meeting of Indian Liberals and Moderates in Bombay. This meeting favoured partial adoption of a compromise plan already proposed by Lord Linlithgow, the British Viceroy. Under this scheme representative Indians would be admitted to the Executive Council at Delhi. It is true that this goes only a small part of the way towards acceptance of the British plan.

This is because the meeting added a rider to the effect that India should be admitted to "Dominion Status," that is, self-government, within the Empire within a stated time.

It thus sets aside a requirement of the British Government, namely, that grant of Dominion status must depend upon co-operation with one another in the working of such an arrangement on the part of the chief Indian political parties.

The British hold that without such cooperation Indian self-government would be a disastrous farce. And this view is shared by many far-seeing Indians.

The fact, nevertheless, is a hopeful one that there is at last a real movement in India towards the ending of the deadlock hitherto prevailing there; also that in this movement the Indian Christian community is playing an important part.

KISSED HUBBY AND THE SERGEANT

The Sergeant-Instructor had just got his recruits working well at a complicated drill formation on a West Country sea front when a pretty girl rushed into the lines of men.

Flinging her arms round one of them, she kissed him.

The drill collapsed as several hundred men roared with laughter.

They heard the girl, a wife who had not seen her husband since he was called up, talk affectionately to the soldier while the sergeant, speechless, looked on in grim silence.

Then a little girl ran into the lines.

"Doesn't Daddy look nice in his uniform—come and kiss him," her mother called.

The sergeant recovered from his amazement, let out a roar. The men jumped to attention.

"Just Had To Do It"

But the wife wasn't frightened. She ran to the sergeant, who had been using the low sea wall as a platform, and climbed up beside him.

"I hope you don't mind, sir," she said, "but I just had to kiss him. To-day's our seventh wedding anniversary and I've only just got here."

Then she kissed the sergeant on the cheek!

As the sergeant's face grew redder and redder discipline broke completely in a great surge of laughter.

INDIAN A BRITISH OFFICER

Private Khurshed Kaikhosru La kaka, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, is gazetted to the Wiltshire Regiment as a second lieutenant. It was announced in the "London Gazette."

Lieutenant K. K. Lalkaka is the first Parsee to win a commission in the British Army. He is a member of the family of Tata, owners of the biggest steel works in India.

CIGARS FOR PREMIER

A cabinet containing 2,400 selected cigars has been presented to the British Minister in Cuba to be sent to Mr. Churchill from Cuban admirers. The cigars were bought from funds raised by public subscriptions limited to 20 cents.—Reuter.

WAR EATING NAZI MILLIONS

Germany's war effort is costing her seventy-two per cent. of her national income, according to "Foreign Commerce Weekly" published by the U.S. Commerce Department.—Reuter.

CREWS TELL OF U-BOAT AMBUSH

Fifty survivors from two British cargo ships have been landed at an Eastern Canadian port.

They say their ships were sunk within two hours of each other by four U-boats lying in wait in the Atlantic.

The two captains and twenty-nine other members of the crews are missing. All the survivors are British.

TRIPLETS 32 HOURS APART

Triplets have been born to thirty-nine-year old Mrs. Frank Guest, of Birmingham—and Babies No. 2 and 3 arrived thirty-two hours after Baby No. 1.

Mrs. Guest told the "Daily Mirror": "The doctors had told me there would be triplets."

"After the first baby was born I got up from bed for a few hours and walked round the room. Then I sat up in bed and had my meals."

"The next night I had my other two babies. Only for the third did I need an anaesthetic."

The first baby, a girl, weighed 5lb. The second, a boy, was 5lb. 2oz. And the third another girl, weighed 6lb. 3oz.

Said Mrs. Guest's doctor: "Triplets, on the average are born one in every 6,000 births."

"The most unusual feature about these babies is that they are all up to normal weight. Triplets are generally much under weight."

Exceptionally Strong

"Their mother must be an exceptionally strong woman."

Mrs. Guest, who lives at Brooklane, King's Heath, Birmingham, had to sleep under the stairs in a cupboard during the big air raids on Birmingham.

It was on New Year's Day that she was told she would have triplets.

"Her husband—he is a Home Guard—had a shock," said a brother of Mrs. Guest, "but now they are delighted."

"My sister already had a boy aged three, and she dearly wanted a girl. Now she has two boys and two girls."

Said Mrs. Guest: "My only worry is a perambulator for my babies. I shall have to have a special one made. It's the first time there have been twins or triplets in our family."

Her husband's brother married her sister, who recently had a baby. Mrs. Guest took over her sister's bed in a nursing home.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A DISASTROUS SACRIFICE

By The Four Aces

South took a stab at saving the rubber and found herself making two spades without the book!

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
East-West part score 90

♠ K
♥ Q 10 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 10 9 6 4

♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A K Q

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♠ 10 8 6 5 2
♥ A K
♦ 8 4 2
♣ J 8 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dbl.
Redbl.	Pass	1NT	2♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of clubs, then switched to a heart. South won and led a trump, East winning with the Ace. The heart return was taken by South's Ace, and that was the last trick South won!

She led a club, and West took the Queen and Ace, following up with two top diamonds and a low diamond. South was now down to trumps only; and, when a heart was led through, made the mistake of ruffing low.

West over-ruffed with the seven of spades and led the last diamond. And East, perceiving the situation, ruffed with the spade Queen and returned another heart.

By this time poor South was sure the spade Jack must be in the West hand. She therefore ruffed with the eight of spades, and West won with the spades nine. East's Jack of Spades won the last trick, and South was down to six tricks!

The moral is so clear that we hate to point it out for fear of laying it on too thick: A player who persists in fighting for part scores with a bad hand must expect to get into trouble occasionally.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one diamond. This is a perfectly sound opening bid, and there is no excuse for passing the hand or for choosing any other bid.

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Question No. 710

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♣	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

(Continued from Page 6)

almost unanimous vote of our Congress. We have opened up our yards and docks for the repair of British men-of-war and merchantmen. We have assumed protection of Greenland, we have removed restrictions on American ships sailing to zones where fighting is over, so that we might relieve Britain of the burden of supplying the armies fighting in that theatre.

We have gone a long way and all of it with the support of an overwhelming public opinion. Incidentally, the latest test of public opinion discloses the American nation to be approximately 70 per cent for aid to Britain even at the risk of war. Having gone thus far, we cannot back down. There is no retracing our steps. We have committed ourselves in this world struggle. If we should attempt to back down now, England would go down to catastrophic defeat and we would face a world-wide victorious Germany and her allies whom we should have to fight alone.

Can Only Go On

We have declared that the aggressor nations must not be permitted to win. We have irrevocably committed ourselves to see that that is prevented. We have put all of our resources into the scales to bring defeat to those who would rule the world by

force. We have acknowledged that our destiny just as much as the destiny of the British Empire and the ultimate destiny of the conquered peoples of the Low Countries, of Scandinavia, of France and of the Balkans are at stake.

Having gone thus far, we can only go on.

Hitler cannot allow our war supplies and food to reach England—he will be defeated if they do. We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic—we shall be beaten if they do. We must make our promise good to give aid to Britain. We must see the job through. All of this is needed for our own safety and our future security. This is our fight. The American people have recognised the catastrophic quality of a totalitarian victory, and, by overwhelming majority, they have endorsed every step along the progress we have made to our present posture.

Proclaiming, as we do, our faith in the ultimate victory of the good over evil, our devotion to the cause of human liberty, our century and a half of the pursuit of justice between men on terms of equality, we can no longer occupy the immoral and craven position of asking others to make all the sacrifice for this victory which we recognise as so essential to us. Our manhood and our self-respect demand that we shall assume our part of the burden.

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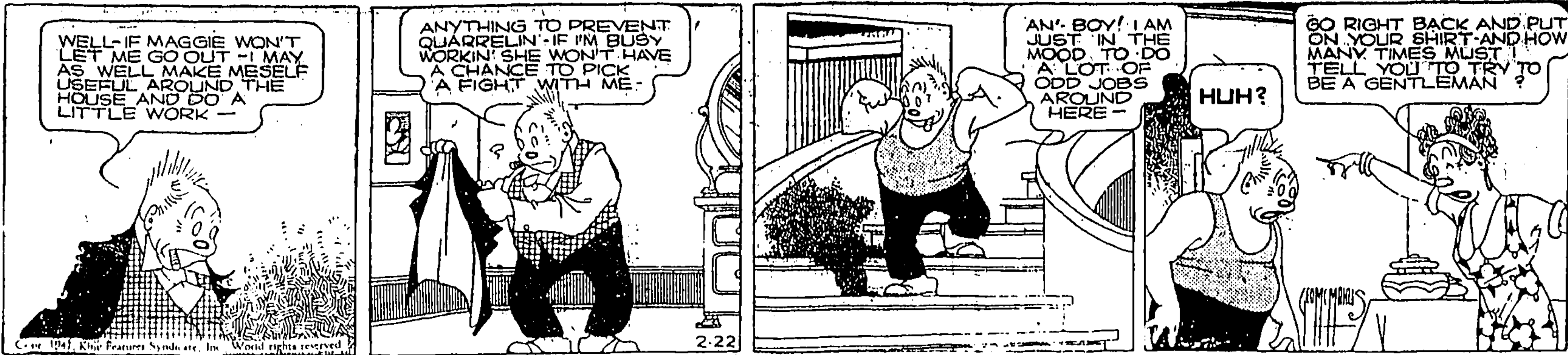
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bride's Groomed Beauty

A girl should look her loveliest on her bridal day. Every detail of grooming must be attended to so that her lovely gown and exquisite jewels may have the background of beauty they so richly deserve.

Fashion now decrees that a bride may wear a lovely jewel piece—say of diamond—butterfly orchids on her veil instead of the orthodox wreath of flowers. Such a piece may be the wedding gift of the groom to his bride, to harmonise with the cherished jewels on her third finger, left hand. This new custom makes it more important than ever for the bride to be her most exquisite; she should be a jewel adorned with jewels.

For weeks before the wedding day hair, hands and face must be pampered. Skin must be soft and free of blemishes, hair must glister from hours of care, and hands should boast long, shapely nails, and skin smooth as velvet.

Advice To Bride

Nails cannot grow long and tapering overnight; it takes at least two weeks. Every day push the cuticle back with an orange stick, pinch the tops of your fingers into shape whenever you think to do it, keep your cuticle and nails well lubricated each night with oil, and massage your hands with cream. File with an emery board only enough of the nail to shape it, let it grow long so a professional manicurist can have something to work on the day before the wedding!

Yes, of course, you should have your manicure and your hair set the day before the wedding. If you plan to have a facial, and can arrange to have it in your home, that may be given you on your wedding day—at least two hours before the ceremony.

Your make-up, as good taste demands, should be soft. One of the opaque rose or shell shades for your fingernails—that is if you are wearing the customary white wedding gown—and carefully selected powder, rouge and lipstick. Go to a salon or cosmetic counter



This lovely bride is wearing a diamond spray of flowers on her veil which dramatises her rare beauty. Her nicely shaped hands, meticulously groomed hold two roses tucked between the pages of her prayer book and her third finger, left hand boasts a wedding ring of baguette diamonds and a square-cut solitaire.

the week before your wedding day, select your new make-up in broad daylight and then experiment with it once or twice. If you are wearing jewels (and we hope you are lucky enough to be wearing them) you may be aided by that new selection of make-up which a leading beautician blended especially to harmonise with the beauty of jewels. A soft rose in this group is beautifully

natural and most flattering to most fresh skins.

Remember too, your perfume. Even if you can afford only enough for the one occasion, do get yourself a lovely, lovely fragrance. Spray it on your veil, inside your gloves and inside the hem of your gown as well as about your face. I'll bet the groom will never forget that lovely aroma as long as he lives!

A girl's hands are never more conspicuous than when she is wearing her new diamond. Everyone says, "Oh, let me see your ring!" and instantly the left hand is grasped and scrutinised.

The girl who does not keep her hands looking lovely during her engagement, is not being very appreciative of the gift her groom-to-be presented. How he must feel to see his ring on a hand which cries for grooming. And how others criticise her negligence and indifference to his affection.

With May here, can your engagement be far behind? You know what spring does to man—it gives him a yearning to get a wife and feather a nest. If you want your dream prince to pop the question you might try luring him with hands which are beautifully soft and carefully attended—a perfect background for a lovely ring, and mighty nice to hold!

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**Nice Hands Create
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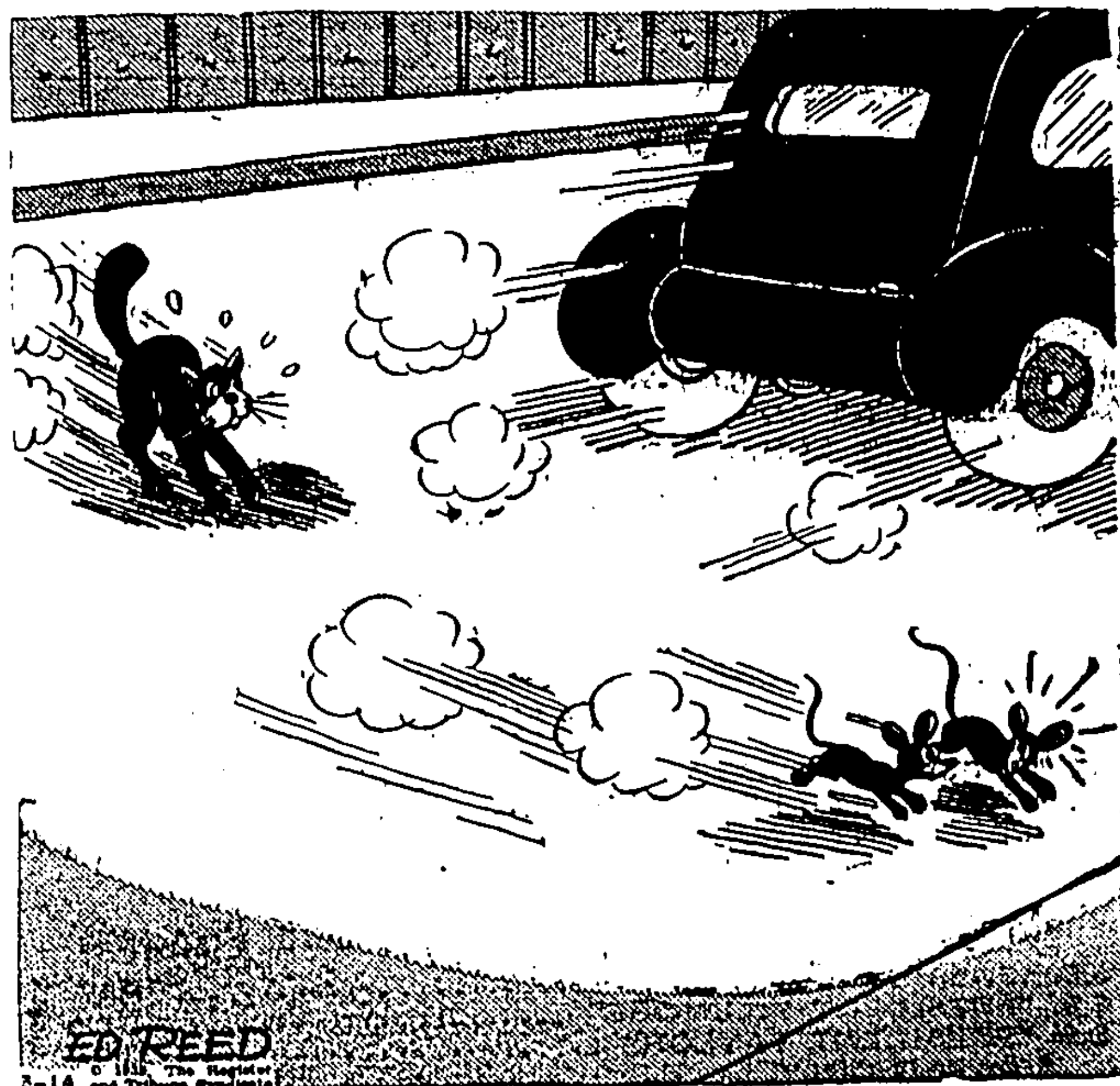
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If you do get the desired ring

please wear (at first at least) a delicate shade of nail polish, so the full beauty of your diamond may be seen at a glance. Somehow young love, an engagement ring, soft hands with delicate polish all seem to tie in together, don't they? Innocence, purity, modesty and happiness. And your beau will be pleased too, as men do not seem to approve vivid nail polishes! They tolerate them but they do not approve of them.

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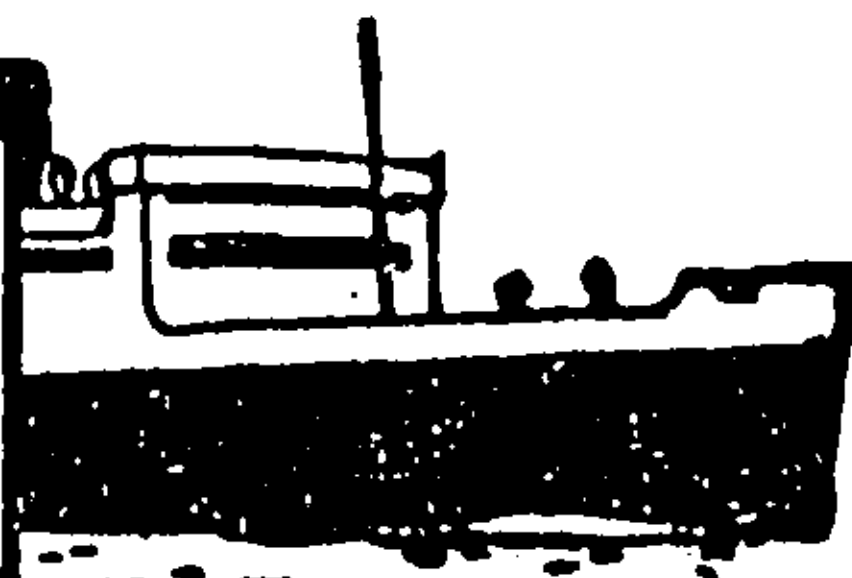
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Variety with Tessie O'Shea, Dick Todd, and Warner & Darnell. Vocal—No Wonder She is a Blushing Bride (Dublin & others); Oh! What a Silly Place to Kiss a Girl (Gilbert)... Tessie O'Shea with Orch. Vocal—The Legionnaires (Intro.: Marietta) (Warner—Darnell); Sally the Circus Queen (Weston—Lee)... Warner and Darnell. Vocal—Cecilia (Dreyer); Polka Dots and Moonbeams (Van Heusen)... Dick Todd (Baritone) with Orchestra. Vocal—On the Good Ship Ballyhoo (Darnell); Bluebeard (Darnell)... Warner and Darnell. Vocal—He Said "Kiss Me" (Walte)... Tessie O'Shea with Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.
Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel; Dere's a Man Goin' Roun' Takin' Names... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano. I've Been Baked; Gwina Lay Down My Life; Go Down, Moses... Edan Thomas (Soprano) with Piano. Goin' To Ride Up In De Charlot (arr. Brown); Ev'ry Time I Feel De Spirit (arr. Brown)... Paul Robeson & Lawrence Brown with Piano.
1.16 p.m.—The Bohemians' Orchestra. A Day in Tyrol (Romer & Faun). Swing Me Up Higher (Mackeben). Daddy Long Legs (Wright). Summer Breezes (King).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
"Ruddigore"—I Know A Youth... George Baker & Muriel Dickson; From The Briny Sea... Chorus of Girls; I Shipped, D'Ye See... Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls; Hornpipe... Symphony Orchestra; Madrigal—When The Buds Are Blossoming... Muriel Dickson, Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham, Stuart Robertson and Mixed Chorus; Hold, Bride and Bridgroom... Sydney Granville & Full Company.
"The Pirates of Penzance"—Now for the Pirates' Lair; When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold... Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson & Dorothy Gill; Away, Away! My Heart's On Fire... Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham & Peter Dawson; All Is Prepared! Stay, Fredric, Stay!... Elsie Griffin & Derek Oldham; A Rollicking Band of Pirates We... Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus; With Cat-Like Tread... Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Gypsy Tears; Quick-Step—Chopsticks... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Who?; Romping... Frankie Newton & his Orchestra. Tango—Black Orchids... Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Maybe It's the Spring; Watching the Stars... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Quick-Step—Angels Never Leave Heaven; Waltz—Waltz of My Heart... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre. (Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire London.)
7.50 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs—Selection; Sailing Along—Selection; Slipova (Bargy & Straight).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Brahms—"Tragic" Overture, Op. 81. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Variations in F Minor... Clara Haskil (Piano).
Symphony No. 92 in G Major "Oxford"—1st Mov.: Adagio-Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov.: Adagio; 3rd Mov.: Menuetto (Allegretto & Trio); 4th Mov.: Presto... Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire cond. by Bruno Walter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde & Tino Rossi (Tenor).
A Night on the Waves (Finnish Waltz) (Koskimaa); Electric Girl (Helmbergh—Holmes)... The Orchestre Raymonde. Aux Iles d'Amour—Tango Chante (film "Lumieres de Paris")... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Gounod in Vienna (arr. Walter)... Orchestre Raymonde. Au Bal de l'Amour—Chante; Voici Paris—Marche Chante (both from film "Lumieres de Paris")... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamothe); Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Lincke)... Orchestre Raymonde.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Guitar Solos by Len Filla. The World is Waiting for the Sunrise (Seltz); Three Little Words (Ruby)... with Piano.
When the Leaves Bid the Trees Good-bye (Lawnhurst)... with his Hawaiian Orchestra.
Mood Ruby (Filla).
Dipsomania (Filla).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
10.15 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Musketiers Melodies No. 1—Intro.; Dinner at Eight; Goodnight Little Girl of My Dreams; Don't Blame Me; I've Found the Right Girl; Trouble in Paradise; Yvonne; The Last Round Up... The Four Musketiers with Piano.
Vocal—A Sweet Irish Sweetheart of Mine (Tinturin & Lawrence)... Phil Regan with Orchestra.
Three Planos—Boogie Woogie Prayer (Ammons & others)... Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

BLACK-OUT HID FIRE--7 DIED

(By A Special Correspondent)

WEARING ONLY A SATIN nightdress, a young woman doctor climbed from her bedroom to the roof of a blazing building and down a ladder to the ground, where she tended trapped and injured victims.

She is Doctor Elizabeth Frances Clark, who was staying at the Surrey Hills Hotel, Caterham, which was burnt out.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER AS BRIDES

A mother and her daughter are to have a double wedding. They will spend their honeymoon night under the same roof. Later they will make their home together.

Mrs. Hetty Sandgrove is fifty-seven and has six children. She is marrying a retired tram driver and ex-naval man, Mr. Samuel T. Lawrence, aged sixty-nine. He has four children.

Miss Gladys May Sandgrove, aged twenty-two, is to marry young Gunner Leslie Ernest Wilson, who is getting special leave for the ceremony before going overseas.

White-haired Mrs. Sandgrove smiled shyly as she told me: "Sam has been out with me, as you might say, for four years. But we knew each other as long as seventeen years ago, when my husband and his wife were alive."

Miss Sandgrove is to be married in white, her mother in blue. "I wouldn't for all the world want to steal the wedding from my girl," her mother told me. "It was her idea I should marry at the same time."

Mrs. Sandgrove was bombed out of her home in Plaistow East. So was Mr. Lawrence. They have taken a house at Seymour gardens, Ilford.

Mother and daughter have the same single-stone diamond wedding rings.

"I shall keep to my old wedding ring," Mrs. Sandgrove told me. "Sam has taken it off now, but he'll put it back at the church."

They are to be married at St. Clement's Church, Park-avenue, Ilford.

The mother will be given away by her eldest son, the daughter by her youngest brother.

mons.
Vocal—Outside of Paradise (Tinturin & Lawrence)... Phil Regan with Orchestra.
Three Planos—Boogie Woogie Prayer, Part 2 (Ammons & others)... Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons.
Humorous—Pets (Frankau & others); Winter Sports (Frankau & others)... Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano.
Vocal—This Year's Kisses; Slumming on Park Avenue (both from film "On the Avenue")... Alice Faye with Orchestra.
Vocal—Take Me Away from the River (Parker)... The Four Musketiers with Piano.
Piano Duet—Piano-Time Melodies No. 1—Intro., China Boy, You're in Kentucky... Sure as You're Born, Sheik of Araby, Japanese Sandman, Bye Bye Blues; Who's Sorry Now... Baldwin & Howard with String Bass and Drums.
Humorous—Scientifically, Of Course! (Crick & others); If You Pretend You're Blue (Crick & others)... Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Seven people died in the fire, which was hidden by the hotel black-out until it had gained a stronghold.

"The doctor was simply wonderful," the superintendent of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade told me. "In her nightdress she climbed to the roof of the building, after getting through her window and down a ladder."

"An officer, whose men were helping to rescue some of the victims, lent her his overcoat, and like that she stood giving injured people morphia injections."

Dr. Clark also went into the building and through the flames to try rescue some of the guests, of whom there were thirty or forty in the hotel at the time.

"She had always been most particular to keep a record of the people there," the superintendent told me. "She made a point of knowing who was in which room in case of trouble in a blitz."

Another heroine of this fire was a pretty auburn-haired waitress, Miss Lilian Brady.

"A terrible crackling noise woke me," she said. "I realised the place was ablaze, and jumped out of bed and ran around knocking people up. When it got too hot, I climbed out of a downstairs window."

The proprietress of the hotel, Mrs. Doris Ponting, lost her life in the fire. She escaped when the alarm was first given, but insisted on going back to help with the rescue work.

"The honeymoon couple" they called Mr. and Mrs. John Charlesworth, two of the victims.

John was a bachelor aged eighty-seven and Marjorie, middle-aged pharmacist at Caterham L.C.C. Hospital, was his first love. They met at the Surrey Hills Hotel, married from there last October, spent their honeymoon there.

Another woman guest, Miss Mordaunt, lost her father, a Lewisham solicitor, in the blaze. They had been bombed out of their own home.

A young A.F.S. man, Mr. W. E. McArthur, of Wanstead, who was staying at the hotel, died in trying to rescue others.

Other victims were Mr. Edmund Lewish Levy, and Miss Anna Laura Druce, of Cromwell Avenue, London, N.

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KILLED THE SGT. MAJOR

How a sergeant-major was shot dead by a sentry was described at the Stratford-on-Avon inquest on Battery Sergeant-Major John McGerr, aged twenty-nine, whose widow lives at Bridgness, near Bo'ness (West Lothian).

Gunner Desmond John Jenkinson said he was on sentry duty and challenged three times in the dark without receiving a reply before he fired.

The Coroner: Were you and McGerr bad friends?

Jenkinson: Well, sir, we did not get on very well together.

Because it had been mentioned that you made a reference to the fact that he wanted shooting?—Yes sir.

Was that said with any intention of doing anything?—No, sir.

It was just a general expression?—Yes, sir. I should say at least a dozen others said the same thing.

Without meaning anything?—Yes, sir.

You had no spite against him?—Certainly not.

"Common Expression"

Mr. Lionel Woods, of Worcester (for Gunner Jenkinson): Am I right in saying that this (the remark about the Sergeant-Major wanted shooting) is a common expression in the Army?—Yes.

The coroner said he did not think there was anything in the suggestion about "feeling" between the sentry and McGerr.

The verdict was that McGerr died through being shot by a sentry, and that it was in the execution of the latter's duty, and therefore justified.

NO LARGE HELPINGS!

"Not as an order, but as a request," the Ministry of Food is asking catering associations not to serve large grills or large portions of meat, poultry or game.

Many restaurants have already cut out grills.



A large scale exercise took place recently in the Southern Command when the troops carried out various exercises under war conditions. Picture shows troops splashing through flood waters with a section of a ponton bridge. (Copyright, Fox).

SPINSTER IS WEDDING RING EXPERT

(By A Special Correspondent)

DURING THE FIFTY YEARS that Miss Annie Tandy has worked at a manufacturing jewellers in Vyre Street, the Hatton Garden of Birmingham, hundreds of thousands of wedding rings have passed through her hands.

But, at the age of sixty-three, she is still wearing her engagement ring. Her fiancé died in 1913 after they had arranged to marry.

Showing me her engagement ring, which she has recently had remodelled in modern style, she said:

"I first came here when I was thirteen, and have worked under three generations of my employers. I am now cashier and book-keeper.

"I have seen all the fashions in wedding and engagement rings during the past fifty years. Some of the rings I have sold for gipsy

weddings have weighed just under 2oz.

Wings On Rings

"Heart-shaped wedding rings were once the rage, and to-day engagement rings are being inset with R.A.F. wings and Army badges.

"Many now prefer white gold to the yellow gold. My firm remodelled my engagement ring, re-colouring it to white gold and re-setting the stones for me.

"I have helped in making rings for royalty.

"Men are very fussy about their signet rings. Only yesterday a man came in and asked for his ring to be re-cut in white gold to match his wife's wedding ring."

LOST SON, ACCUSED OF MURDER OF WIFE

A few days after his three-year-old son had been drowned, a soldier was charged with the murder of his wife.

The accused man was Sapper William Frederick Robinson, thirty, a driver in the Royal Engineers. He was charged at Tiverton, Devon, and remanded for fourteen days. He was granted legal aid.

Robinson and his attractive wife, Amy, aged twenty-eight, lived in Tooting, London, before she was evacuated with her three children to Tiverton.

About a week ago their three-year-old baby, Peter, fell into a swift stream at the bottom of the garden of the house in which they were living.

Robinson was granted compassionate leave at the time. Two other children, Peggy, aged seven, and Billy, aged nine, were evacuated to the house of Mrs. Mills in Council-gardens, Tiverton, a few hundred yards from their mother.

Mrs. Robinson had Peter with her at her billet.

SINGER OF 13 TO TOUR ABROAD

Bronwen Morris-Jones, former pupil of Lawnside School, Malvern, Worcestershire, and thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris-Jones, of Bush Hill, Northampton, is claimed to be the youngest child in the world to be awarded the performer's L.R.A.M. L.G.S.M. and I.T.C.L. (cap and gown.)

She is shortly leaving England to tour Canada and the United States.

Bronwen has been prizewinner, with one exception, of every solo singing, sight reading and aural contest she has entered.

She played at concerts at the age of four; at five she passed the second examination of the Associated Board with distinctions, and she has composed since the age of seven.



George J. Hecht, president and publisher of THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, presents to Frank Lloyd producer-director of Columbia's "The Howards of Virginia" the award given the picture as the outstanding family audience production of the month!

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SINGLES FINAL DRAWN: FOUR SETS ARE SHARED

Tsui Wai-pui Should Have Won In Four Sets Yan-pui Starts Well But Is Overshadowed

By "Adrem"

DISAPPOINTING IN THAT THE BROTHERS WERE UNABLE TO STRIKE FORM AT THE SAME PERIODS AND CONSEQUENTLY RALLIES WERE GENERALLY SHORT, THE FINAL OF THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP, PLAYED BEFORE A SURPRISINGLY SMALL CROWD AT HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, WAS LEFT UNFINISHED AT 6.30 WITH FOUR SETS SHARED.

The scores, Yan-pui's given first, were 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 4-6. The match will be replayed.

Wai-pui early on gave the impression that he would be unable to stroke any better than he did in the semi-final against S. A. Rumjahn. His forehand drive simply would not work and his service, although he resorted to a great deal to the heavily-sliced variety that stands up and looks at the receiver, was pie to his brother.

As the match progressed, however, so did the former champion's game improve and in the last two sets, although he was making far more errors than he used to, he was confidence personified, particularly so when driven into losing positions. His passing shots on both wings were well-timed and extremely well-placed, and Yan-pui, on the occasions that he took the net, was made to look very second rate.

An Enigma

I spent a long time trying to analyse Wai-pui's game but I still find it difficult to understand. On the run of play from the middle of the second set onward, he should have won in four sets.

When in the most critical situations, however, he still continued to show a supreme indifference to the value of a point or game and I couldn't help thinking at times that he was governed to a certain extent by brotherly love!

Towards the end his service was better than his brother's. He occasionally crashed in a winner and his second service got up so far and so sharply that Yan-pui had great difficulty in controlling any attempt to attack it. His courtcraft throughout was better than his younger brother's, the latter being consistently caught on the wrong foot.

In the first set Yan-pui played some of the finest tennis seen in the Colony for a long time. At one stage he could do nothing wrong. Taking the ball on the rise, he was sending over unreturnable drives that raised chalk from the sidelines and were rarely shorter than a couple of feet from the baseline. In all departments he was supreme. His service was deadly and I have seldom if ever seen Wai-pui ace so frequently.

Later he fell away badly, losing all control of his forehand and inevitably bungling anything on the volley. Also he appeared to be far more exhausted than his brother and on numerous occasions left balls that he could have got to with but little effort.

After the whirlwind opening, the match was unquestionably disappointing and I cannot see a very big crowd paying a further \$2 to enter the Stand for the replay.

The Play

Although nine games were played in the first set, it did not occupy more than 18 minutes. Yan-pui was away to a 5-1 lead in very quick time and although Wai-pui was able to stop the rot to some extent, and capture three games, the younger brother was undoubtedly of good value for his win.

In the second set Yan-pui again got away quickly. Leading 3-1 he was in a commanding position, but allowed the opportunity of securing a commanding lead to slip out of his grasp and Wai-pui, who by this time was full of confidence, won the set at the 10th game.

In the third set, Wai-pui lost the first two games but easily made up the deficit and went on to lead 5-4. Much to everyone's

surprise, on the run of play, Yan-pui won the set.

In the final set Yan-pui was pathetic and most of his points were won on his brother's mistakes. The less said about it the better.

ARMY TENNIS

The 24th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, beat 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by two points to one in a "B" Division Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Capt. Simons and L/Bdr. Denton (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Chulthorpe and Bdr. Gill, 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

Sgt. Warde and Br. Pidgeon (24th R.A.) beat Major Templar and Bdr. Casey, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Sgt. Lyons and L/Bdr. Hannan (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Maynard and Gnr. Marshall, 5-7, 6-8, 6-0.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT ROYALS

Had Royal Scots taken advantage of a few of the many scoring opportunities they had, particularly in the second half, they would have beaten South China comfortably in the friendly game at Caroline Hill yesterday.

As it was South China won by 3 goals to 1 after Royal Scots had opened the scoring. All the goals were scored in the first half.

Hossack was seen on the left-wing and he showed good ball control but was very weak in his shooting. Auld, in the centre forward berth was slow and missed several chances.

Parnaby was the mainstay in the intermediate-line and marked Lee Wai-tong well. Bankier again gave a good display while Fraser and Naysmith were as safe as usual.

South China included several Eastern players in the team. Hsu King-seng was seen at left-half and played a hard game.

Royal Scots took the lead through Auld but Lau Chung-sang equalised shortly after. South China took the lead when a defender deflected a free kick taken by Lee Wai-tong and shortly after Lee Wai-tong increased the lead with a good shot from close in.

In the second period Royals had more of the play but in spite of good approach, work their finishing was weak and they could not score.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwong-hon, Tse Kam-hung and Tsang Chung-wah; Lau Hin-choi, Lam Tak-po and Hsu King-seng; Chung Yung-sang, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chai and Lee Shek-yau.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby and Marshall; James Ballie, Auld, Munro and Hossack.

CLUB FINAL

The final of the Club Championship, between C. H. R. Oxlade and M. Pugh (Holder), will be played on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club this afternoon.

ROSE FIANA GOES LAME

By "Rapier"

Rose Fiana belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, which has been entered for the second section of the West River Handicap to be run on Saturday, taken out by a Chinese riding boy this morning for exercise, was found to be lame.

The riding boy dismounted and the pony was led back to the stables by a maloo.

THOROUGHBRED RAISING INDUSTRY ON UPGRADE IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA'S THOROUGHBRED breeding industry has made rapid strides since pari-mutuels were legalised there. It is now the fastest growing in the world, writes a correspondent.

Stallions of immense importance have joined the galaxy of producers now assembled in the far west. Beau Pere, peer of Australian stallions, recently arrived to serve as chief stud for Louis B. Mayer at Deep Cliffe.

Seabiscuit, leading money winner of all time and a paladin among horses, and Kayak II, the Argentine in temporary semi-retirement, hold court at Willets.

The advent of Australian and Argentine blood is something Kentucky cannot duplicate at the moment.

English War Refugees

Widely different blood lines are represented.

Scores of beautifully bred foreign mares, most of them English war refugees, have been imported. Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, Charles S. Howard, Walter T. Wells and Neil McCarthy acquired stellar lasses within the last six months. Recently a boatload of Australian mares unloaded at San Pedro for Mayer... to be mated to Beau Pere.

Known producers—a few from Kentucky and Virginia—have been quietly switched to California.

Alfred the Great, son of Teddy and a fine French stake horse, was brought to the coast by Raoul Walsh, who also has Grand Maritoul, scion of a powerful French family, at his rancho in Mendocino county.

Producers Switched

Ptozeopore, from the Aga-Khan's world famous balliwick, is located at Walter Wells' Rancho Oro Primo near San Fernando. Ptozeopore won in England... had phenomenal speed. Mrs.

INTER-HONG SWIMMING

The programme of the first inter-Hong swimming gala of the season to be held at the European Y.M.C.A. on June 11 was arranged yesterday. Mr. C. F. Hyde was in the chair and was supported by Mr. E. W. Ralston (Secretary), Mr. Stewart (Butterfield and Swire), Miss S. Baskett (A.P.C.), Mr. W. Forsyth (Kowloon Dock), Mr. F. M. Thompson (Hong Kong Bank), and Mr. G. Arnold (Standard O.I.). Messrs. A. F. May and R. Goldman (Y.M.C.A.).

Entries will close on May 20. Messrs. Thompson and L. A. Benn (Dodwell's) will be responsible for collecting the Hong Kong teams and Mr. Forsyth the Kowloon entries.

V.R.C. MEETING

The Chief Justice, Sir A. Hall MacGregor, was re-elected Chairman for the fifth successive year at the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

The following committee was elected.—Messrs. D. Lyon, A. A. Noronha, S. A. Rumjahn, M. B. Gutierrez, W. L. Clark, F. M. Castro, A. O. Barretto, J. H. Lawrence, D. Ribeiro, L. M. Remedios (Hon. Treasurer), L. Roza-Pereira (Hon. Secretary).

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.F.C.
Second Division (v C.C.C.)
J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C.)
E. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, B. A. Mansell and J. Russell (Skip).
B. J. Bickford, F. Flippance, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).
E. Casey, A. G. Gratton, V. H. Freeman and P. Morgan (Skip).
C.S.C.C.
First Division (v P.R.C., Away)
M. E. Purvis, T. Seddon, V. S. Ebbage and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellatly, E. Kirmion, R. F. Harper and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hemsey and J. F. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves: A. F. Shepherd and M. Scott.

K.B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v K.B.G.C., "B" Home)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sherriff (Skip).
First Division "B" (v K.B.G.C., "A" Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip).
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, D. W. Waterton and J. McKelvie (Skip).
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

P.R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service Cricket Club Home)
G. Perkins, F. Nolan, A. E. Carey and E. C. Post (Skip).
A. Soutar, H. Brown, W. McHardy and W. Mair (Skip).
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
Reserves:—Smith, C. Wilcox and A. McKenzie.

Third Division (v Club De Recreio Away)
C. Gough, J. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).
J. Hayward, C. Pile, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).
A. Howell, G. Davis, J. Riddell and J. McDonald (Skip).
Reserves:—G. Alexander, G. Davis and D. Taylor.

K.F.C.
Second Division (v Talkoo D.R.C. Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Attenza, V. Chittenden and N. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
C. Dowman, A. Dand, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v C.C.C. Home)
C. Woodcock, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and B. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
S. E. Cross, B. Thompson, A. MacKintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson and L. Bones.

RICE REJECTED BY U.S. ARMY

On March 23 Gregory Rice, the greatest distance runner ever produced in the United States, ran the fastest two-mile race, indoors or outdoors, ever recorded when in the Chicago Relays indoor track and field meet he set the sensational time of 8:51.1.

A few days later Rice had to appear before the Draft Board for examination prior to possible induction into the Army for a year's training. The board pronounced him physically unfit for military service, and disclosed that he was suffering from a triple hernia. Rice's 8:51.1 bettered the accepted world record of 8:58.2 which he set in 1940. It also bettered his recent 8:53.4 time for which recognition had been asked. The world's outdoor two-mile record is 8:36, set by Miklos Szabo of Hungary in 1937.—Reuter.

Vanderbilt Phelps has Cynic, a powerfully bred Britisher, at Carmel.

Cynic, by Captain Cuttle, bagged the Epsom Derby. Sierra Nevada, a Galisborough British stake horse, is on duty at the Neil McCarthy place near Los Angeles. Ligarou, Don Milke and Ra II, first-class Argentines, Bing Crosby's, are at Rancho Santa Fe. Sunspere is a Sun Briar to Ham Cotton's haras.

Derby Winners

Top Row dwells at Newhall. Dress Parade, son of Man o' War, is at Walter Hoffman's Rancho Casitas. Hollywood, Kingpin as a juvenile, is at Cupertino for D. J. Davis, who owned the late Phar Lap. Gay World, a muddy track Texan, serves for H. C. Hill, who bred Sweepida in his back yard in Stockton. Roman Soldier, by Cohort, is a solid stake horse standing in California.

Such blood as that of Phalaris, Son in Law, Galisborough, Teddy, Massines, Congreve and Ruston Pasha ought surely to accomplish wonders. California assignments may soon again be shipped in trainloads as the Golden State threatens to regain from Kentucky the position once held as the principal centre of thoroughbred breeding.

HUGE SUMS MADE BY U.S. RACE CLUBS

New Betting Record Set

SANTA ANITA again made more than \$1,000,000, with a new American betting record—\$705,650 daily for a winter meeting of 51 days, writes an American Correspondent.

Tropical Park will show a profit of \$750,000 for its two sets of dates.

Hialeah had another remarkable run.

Pari-mutuel handles skyrocketed to new all-time highs as the machines made their first appearance in New York last season.

But this doesn't mean that racing hasn't reached its saturation point in the United States, and that it is no folly to build more tracks, for

It is significant that of the four most recently constructed tracks of any consequence in this country only one has survived.

That is Delaware Park in the tiny state of that name.

An all-fated trio were the fabulously pretentious \$2,000,000 plant of the Golden Gate Turf Club, across the bay from San Francisco; ultra-modern Gulf-stream Park, near Hollywood, Fla., and North Randall, hard on Cleveland.

Too Many Tracks

While it has been thoroughly demonstrated that there are too many tracks now—40-odd recognised ones in 17 states, and that there are not enough horses to go around, there will be additional ovals in 1942 and there are moves for still more.

In New Jersey a plebiscite has cleared the way for three new strips.

Bills that would legalise wagering on the ponies are before the Pennsylvania and Indiana legislatures.

Influential forces seek to revive the business in Texas, where it has been dead for only a few years.

Fair Grounds reopens in New Orleans next winter.

They are trying to finance the Golden Gate Turf Club and Gulf-stream Park.

12,000 Thoroughbreds

There are about 12,000 thoroughbreds in this country. Only a small share of them are in training during any particular season. The rest are either being rested, are laid up for repairs, retired for breeding purposes or merely downright unworthy of bringing to the races.

Of those in training, the vast majority are cheap selling players. These fill most programmes.

High-class horses, fit and ready to run, are at a premium.

The dearth of good animals was especially glaring last season even in such an old established racing state as New York, where the purses are always among the highest in the land. Day after day, many events drew four, five, six and seven-horse fields.

Good Horses Weeded

Good horses are the backbone of successful racing.

Without them habitual racegoers stay away from the track in droves. They don't care to play a lot of stumblebums.

STAR ATHLETE RETIRES

Don Lash, for seven years one of America's top-ranking distance runners, has retired from competition to devote all his time to his job as an Indiana State policeman, states a correspondent in the United States.

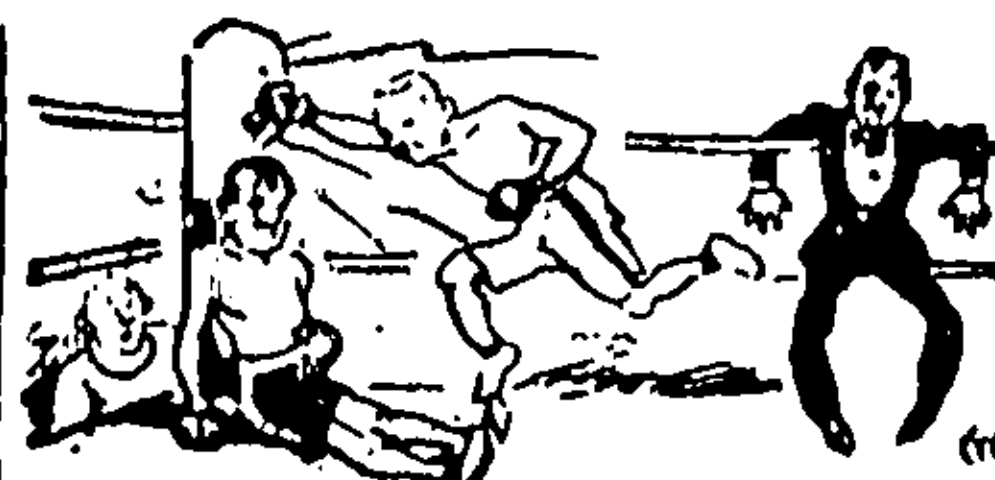
Lash in 1937 ran the two miles in the world record time of 8:58. Gregory Rice established a new world record for the distance on March 23, 1941, with a time of 8:51.1.

Lash was the nation's most consistent cross-country winner, capturing the National A.A.U. Cross-Country title last autumn for the seventh consecutive year.—Router.

LOUIS DEFENDS CROWN AGAINST CONN JUNE 18

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced last week that Joe Louis will defend his world's heavyweight title on June 18 against Billy Conn, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who has invaded the heavier class.

The match will be held in the Polo Grounds.



Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max, former world's champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 23, Buddy would fight Conn on June 18 instead of Louis meeting Conn.

It was believed that in the event Louis retains his title in both bouts, Abe Simon would get a crack at the crown in July and Lou Nova would be given a chance to wrest it from "Bomber Joe" in September.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S ARMY SPORTS

AT Shamsuipo to-day the athletic meeting between Combined Middlesex and Rajputs and Royal Artillery will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The following events will be held:

FIELD

Throwing the Javelin.
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MASS OF FRANCE RESENTS DARLAN

"French workers, like the great mass of the French public, inwardly reject the policy rapprochement with Germany although some Trade Union leaders support Laval," states the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht" describing conditions in France.

The fact that on almost every street-corner the De Gaulle sign (a big V surrounding the Cross of Lorraine) is scrawled on houses, speaks for itself as does the habitual disinclination of the people to telephone at midday or during the evening in order not to disturb listeners to British broadcasts in French.

The Germans buy up a far greater part of foods arriving at Marseilles. The goods are carried northwards in German railway waggons which are visible to everyone.

Ill-Feeling

Marseilles dislikes the spectacle of German waggons bringing coal for German steamers operating under the German flag in coastal traffic in French territorial waters chiefly between Marseilles and Barcelona.

Ill-feeling is still much more marked in occupied France than elsewhere.

Reliable testimony from two different towns in Northern France confirms American press reports that the population greets jubilantly visits of R.A.F. planes despite the suffering caused by the bombardments. — Reuter.

Sandstorms Hampering Operations

BRITISH TROOPS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED FORWARD POSTS AROUND TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT. THEY INFLECTED CASUALTIES AND TOOK A NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

After failing last week to take Tobruk by assault enemy pressure appears to be easing, it was learned, and dive bombing, which reached a climax between May 1 and May 3, has now slackened.

The enemy is trying to hold a shallow dent in the south-west corner of Tobruk. They are in an uncomfortable position, frequently counter-attacked by British forces and often shelled.

Both sides are suffering from stifling sand-storms which are blowing all along the coast and have made communication and observation difficult.

In the Sollum area, British mechanised forces continue vigorous patrolling activities.

A British mobile unit which swept round behind Bardia and on May 3 and 4 caused the Germans to send out patrols into the desert far south of Sollum to prevent a repetition of the exploit.

Junkers' Hazards

The Germans are being supplied to some extent by Junkers 52 troop-carrying planes but many of these have already been destroyed by the Royal Air Force

and their journeys are becoming hazardous as reinforcements arrive for the Royal Air Force in the Western Desert.

The R.A.F. raided aerodromes at Benina, Derna, Gazala, Bardia and Berva during Monday night, causing fires and explosions while the previous night Calato aerodrome, in Rhodes, was successfully raided, causing considerable damage and large fires. — Reuter.

NETHERLANDS TESTAMENT OF FREEDOM

In readiness for next Saturday's anniversary of the German invasion of Holland, a Testament of Freedom has been handed to every Dutch subject in Britain and sent by air to scores of thousands of their compatriots abroad.

The Testament urges all who receive it never to forget what the Netherlands have suffered.

It affirms the common realisation that the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a world empire of 80 million inhabitants and promises they will strive in constant cooperation with those who guarantee peace, freedom and safety in the world.

A great tribute is paid to Queen Wilhelmina for her striking example of inflexibility of strength. — Reuter.

BILL TO REQUISITION SHIPS PASSED

The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate, legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defence.

The legislation would apply to 83 foreign ships including two German and 28 Italian.

It is to expire in June, 1942. The Maritime Commission is to be given authority to purchase or charter foreign-owned ships.

Meanwhile, reconditioning of 28 Axis ships in custody continues apace. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

The U.S. Navy was "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring delivery of war supplies to Britain, "if and when such duty was assigned to it," stated Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, speaking at his press conference yesterday.

Col. Knox also said the U.S. Navy was taking over the "sea-going activities" of the Coastguards.

Commenting on Mr. Stimson's broadcast, Col. Knox said he thought it "a forthright, courageous and very enlightening talk, animated by a high spirit of patriotism." — Reuter.

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An agreement between Admiral Darlan, and Abetz, Hitler's representative in Paris, was announced in Vichy yesterday.

The agreement provides for modification of the restrictions of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied France and a reduction in the costs of the German army of occupation.

In regard to occupation costs it is envisaged that as a first step France's daily payments will be reduced 25 per cent; from 400 million to 300 million francs.

OTHER QUESTIONS HAVE STILL TO BE FINALLY THRASHED OUT.—REUTER.

"Permission To
Cross" Clause

The agreement provides that the demarcation line between Occupied and Unoccupied France will be open, in general, for the passage of goods and securities.

Persons will be allowed to travel between the two zones in the event of the serious illness or death of a relative.

Free correspondence by plain postcards will be allowed.

Permission to cross the line will be granted to members of the Army and Air Force on the same conditions as already in force for sailors.

According to Paris Radio, Marshal Petain has left his estate near Cannes by special train to meet Admiral Darlan. — Reuter.

DOVER
HEAVILY
SHELLED

The Dover area was rocked last night by a brief but vicious burst of shelling by German long-range guns mounted on the French coast.

The bombardment began in the bright light of the setting sun with salvos at intervals of several minutes.

The shell-fire warning was sounded. Cinemas emptied and audiences ran for cover.

One shell burst overturned a car which caught fire. Two people were killed and 12 injured altogether.

Anti-aircraft guns fired on Messerschmidts spotting for the German artillery. One Messerschmidt spiralled down out of control and is believed to have crashed in the Channel. — Reuter.

British Troops
Take Offensive

BRITISH ARMoured UNITS and troops and Iraqi levies, operating from Habbaniyah, ejected the Iraq rebels on Tuesday from positions overlooking the cantonment, according to a communique issued in Cairo.

The R.A.F. continuously attacked the rebel lines the previous night and during the engagement on Tuesday rendered continuous close support, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy and subsequently keeping them on the move during their withdrawal towards Falluja.

PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's condition has improved but his doctor has advised his staying indoors for two days more.—Reuter.

STALIN
AFRAID
OF NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stalin's assumption of the Premiership marks a change in Soviet policy and the resumption of a new German drive, according to a B.B.C. broadcast yesterday.

The announcer said: "The Soviet rejected the German proposal to join the Axis and signed a pact of friendship with Yugoslavia a few hours before that country was invaded by the Germans."

"Stalin now takes over the Premiership at a time when the German drive to the east threatens what Russia regards as her sphere of activity in Asia." — International News Service.

Rebel casualties were very heavy while those of the British were negligible. The British captured over 300 prisoners.

Guns flown in aircraft to the scene of the battle contributed to the defeat of the Iraqis.

The aerodrome at Moascar Al Rasheed Iraq was again bombed. One hangar was completely destroyed by fire, a twin-engine aircraft blown up, a number of others severely damaged and the aerodrome surface badly cut up.

The British aircraft received practically no opposition.—Reuter.

Rutbah Retaken

British forces have occupied Rutbah, on the pipeline from the Mosul oilfields to Haifa, according to a Rome despatch to the official German news agency.

Iraqi forces occupied Rutbah last Friday after attacking and taking prisoner an unarmed British working party.—Reuter.

Russian Offer?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is now being rumoured, without confirmation, that Russia has offered to mediate in the dispute between Britain and Iraq.

Heavy concentrations of Turkish troops are reported to be taking place on the Iraq frontier.

British sorties from Basra have caused considerable losses to the Iraqi Camel Corps.—International News Service.

MEDIATION
RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is unconfirmably reported that the Iraqi Premier, Rashid Ali, has accepted Turkey's good offices to mediate between Iraq and Britain.

Some quarters hope peace negotiations will be instituted though latest advices state that hostilities are progressing.

Meanwhile the Syrian authorities are rushing reinforcements to the Iraq border.

British planes have again dropped leaflets on Baghdad calling for a revolution.—International News Service.

BRAZILIAN
FLOOD
DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A brief report from Rio de Janeiro states that over 70,000 people are homeless as a result of floods which have ravaged the city of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

No further details are available.—International News Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES
ROOSEVELT IN CAIRO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Capt. James Roosevelt arrived in Cairo yesterday to act as U.S. Marine Corps observer. — International News Service.

EIRE'S
HUGE
BUDGET

Introducing Eire's £40.-626,000 Budget the Finance Minister, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, in the Dail yesterday, said he proposed to raise income tax from 6/6d to 7/6d in the pound.

The gap between revenue and expenditure was £7,765,000, and there was no chance of bridging it by normal means.

Mr. O'Kelly announced a tax of 50 per cent on profits from September 1, 1939, and an increased duty of 5/6d per lb. on tobacco and a double duty on matches.

He also increased the duty on imported newspapers, and said that all internal newspapers would be taxed.

Other increases were on postage rates for letters and post-cards, on petrol and cider, but no increase in beer and spirit duties and no purchase tax.

Highest in History

The sum for supply services and the central fund to be met, he estimated at £40,620,000, which was the highest in the history of the state.

When capital sums had been deducted, net expenditure was £39,448,000.—Reuter.



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MR. Churchill thanked Mr. Lloyd George for the great restraint with which he spoke about "a country whose relations are so highly valued by us and whose part to play in this great world conflict is of the greatest importance." (Cheers).

Mr. Churchill continued: "There are two

points on which I can relieve his feelings and anxieties about Turkey."

The first was about the war vessels which took Greek islands and carried German troops through the Dardanelles. The Turks had no right to stop them.

Mr. Churchill then read the Article of the Convention dealing with the Straits and added, with reference to merchantmen, "I believe one of them might have been used in the occupation of an island but there were other vessels in possession of the Germans and Italians which could equally have been used for that purpose."

"This is a question of interpretation of the treaty and is a matter for Turkey."

Not Helpful

Mr. Churchill referred to a remark by Mr. Lloyd George about the agreement between Turkey and Iraq, and said Mr. Lloyd George was evidently referring to Iran.

"I am happy to be able to relieve Mr. Lloyd George's anxiety. It appears that the arrangement is between Turkey and Persia and relates to measures to strengthen the Turco-Persian border, which we knew all about and which was prepared for some time and now is to be put into force as from April, 1941."

"I do not think Mr. Lloyd George's speech is particularly helpful in a period of what he himself has called discouragement and disheartenment."

"It is not the sort of speech one would have expected from the Great War leader of former days who was accustomed to brush aside despondency and push onward to the distant goal."

"IT IS A SPEECH WITH WHICH I THINK THE ILLUSTRIOUS MARSHAL PETAIN MIGHT WELL HAVE ENLIVENED THE DAYS OF REYNAUD'S CABINET. (LAUGHTER)."

"I am grateful to him for one note he struck, namely that he made it clear we should close our debate by a vote of confidence."

Vote Of Confidence

"Because of the kind of speech we have heard from him I think Government was right to put down a vote of confidence, because after our reverses and disappointments in the field they have a right to know where they stand with the Commons and where the Commons stands with the country."

"It is still more important for the sake of foreign nations, especially nations balancing their policy at the present time and who should be left in no doubt about the stability of this resolved and obstinate War Government."

"IT IS ESSENTIAL, CONSIDERING THE TREMENDOUS ISSUES AT STAKE, AND REALLY NOT TO EXAGGERATE THE FRIGHTFUL RISKS WE ARE ALL GOING TO RUN AND WHICH ARE BEING RUN, THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CERTITUDE UPON THESE MATTERS."

The Only Way

"In enemy countries there is the liveliest interest in our proceed-

ings. I flatter myself that high hopes are entertained that all will not go well with His Majesty's present advisers at the present time."

"The only way in which these doubts can be removed, or these expectations discouraged, is by a full debate followed by a division. Government is entitled to ask that such a vote shall express itself in unmistakable terms."

"I should be the last to reject even unfair criticism or fair criticism, which is so much more searching, but there is a kind of criticism which is a little irritating."

Switch From Hedge

"When a bystander sees a horse team dragging a heavy waggon uphill and cuts a switch from a hedge and belabours them, he may well be animated by a benevolent purpose and benefit may result from his efforts to get the waggon to the top."

"But it would be a pity if this debate consisted wholly of critical and condemnatory speeches because it would give a distorted impression to important and interested foreign observers, who are not well acquainted with our parliamentary or political affairs. Therefore I ask for a vote of confidence. (Cheers)."

"This is a free Parliament and a free country. We have succeeded in maintaining under unprecedented difficulties and dangers, which in some cases might be mortal, the whole process and reality of Parliamentary institutions. (Cheers)."

Honour Clear

"I am proud of this. It is one of the things we are fighting for. I cannot believe any man would bear the kind of burden which falls upon Government to-day unless he were sustained by the strong and convinced support of the Commons and the nation."

"The only relief I feel is that everything in human power was done by us and that our honour as a nation is clear."

"MR. HORE-BELISHA AND SOME OTHERS HAVE SPOKEN OF THE IMPORTANCE IN WAR OF FULL AND ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE OF THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS. THAT IS ONE OF THE GLIMPSES OF THE OBVIOUS IN WHICH HIS SPEECH ABOUNDED."

"As far as the German invasion of the Balkans is concerned, we had long and ample forewarning of what was in prospect."

Warned Of Perils

"Our diplomacy has never ceased for a moment to apprise countries of the perils coming on them and to urge common action by which alone could security and safety be attained."

"For weeks we watched the remorseless movements of vast German forces through Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria towards Yugoslavia, until at least 40 divisions, including five armoured divisions, were massed on the scene."

"Hitler has told us it was a crime in such circumstances for us to go to the aid of the Greeks."

"I don't want to enter into arguments with experts (Laughter) but this is the kind of crime of which he is a good judge. (Laughter)."

It was very natural that the House would not be entirely satisfied with the recent turn of things in the Middle East and that some members should be acutely disappointed we had not been able to defend Greece successfully against the Italian and German armies or that we should have been unable to keep or extend our conquests in Libya."

"For myself, I watched the fate of Greece after her valiant repulse of the Italian invader with agony."

"The only relief I feel is that everything in human power was done by us and that our honour as a nation is clear."

"If anything could add a pang to these emotions it would be the knowledge we had of the impending outrage with so little power to avert from this heroic and famous people a fate so hideous and undeserved."—British Wireless.

The Same Path

"Looking back upon the course of events I can only feel, as the

Prime Minister of New Zealand so nobly declared, that if we had again to tread that path, even with the knowledge we possess to-day, I for one would do the same thing again. (Cheers)."

"But, after all, military operations must be judged by the success which attends upon them rather than the sentiments which inspire them, though these may play their part in the verdict of history and in the survival of races."

"It remains to be seen whether the Italian dictator, by invading Greece, and the German dictator, in coming to his rescue and involving Greece and Yugoslavia in a bloody welter, in fact have gained an advantage or suffered a loss when the full story of this war is complete, even from the military viewpoint."

No Source Of Strength

"In addition to the whole Balkan people, a number of ancient and independent states which have fallen under the Nazi yoke and have to be held down by brute force or intrigue, may by no means prove a source of strength to the German army."

"This vast machine is now spread from the Arctic to the Aegean and from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. That is no source of strength."

"Turning from the military to the political aspect nothing can more surely debar the Germans from establishing and shaping a new Europe, and one will surely emerge, than the fact that the German army and the German race have become and are becoming more universally and intensely hated among the peoples of all lands than any enemy or any race."

The Record

"History bears the records. (Cheers). Some have compared Hitler's conquests with Napoleon's. It may be Spain and Russia will shortly furnish a new chapter to that theme."

"IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, THAT NAPOLEON'S ARMIES CARRIED WITH THEM THE FIERCE, LIBERATING, EQUALITARIAN WINDS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, WHEREAS HITLER'S EMPIRE HAS NOTHING BEHIND IT BUT RACIAL SELF-ASSERTION, ESPIONAGE, PILLAGE, CORRUPTION AND THE PRUSSIAN BOOT."

"Napoleon's flashed away, so I derive confidence that the will power of the British nation, expressing itself through the stern, steadfast and unyielding House of Commons, will once again perform its liberating functions and humbly execute its high purpose among men."

Might Of U.S.

"I say this with more confidence because we are no longer a small island lost in the northern mists but around us gather in broad array all the nations of the British Empire."

"Now, from across the Atlantic, the might of the United States Republic proclaims itself on our side or at our side, or at any rate, near our side."

"I do not to-day discuss the large and complicated questions of munitions or food. Probably in secret session the Minister of Supply will make a statement to the House."

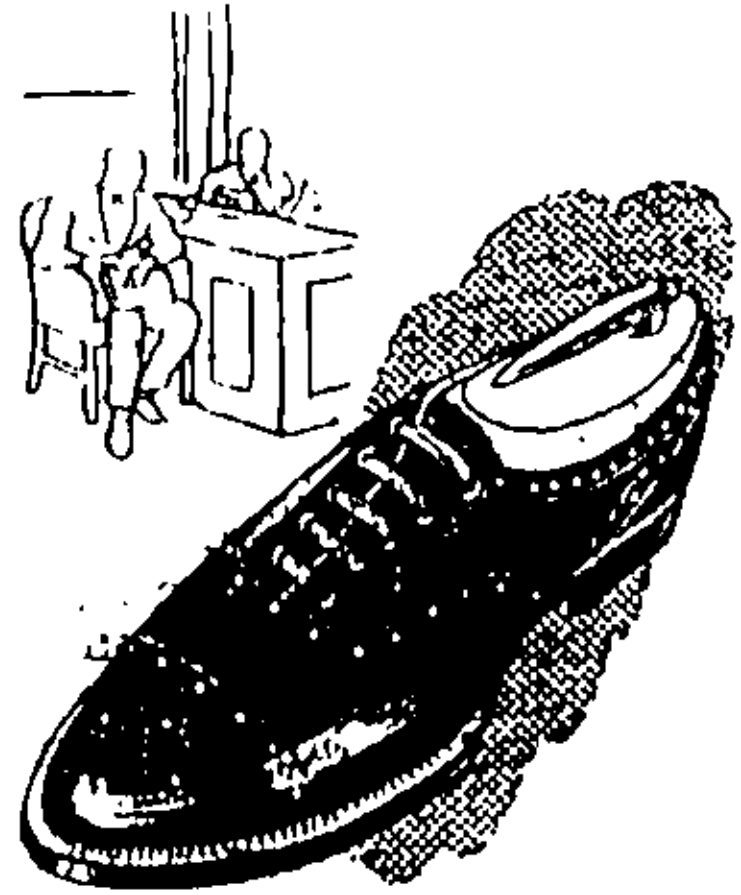
"THERE IS ONE SIMPLE POINT ABOUT TANKS, WHICH MR. HORE-BELISHA IN HIS SPEECH MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED, FOR HE WAS HEAD OF THE WAR OFFICE IN THE YEARS PRECEDING THE WAR."

"In the last war, tanks were built to go three or four miles an hour and stand up to rifle or machine-gun bullets. In the interval, mechanical science advanced so much that it is possible to make tanks to go up to 25 miles an hour and stand up to cannon fire."

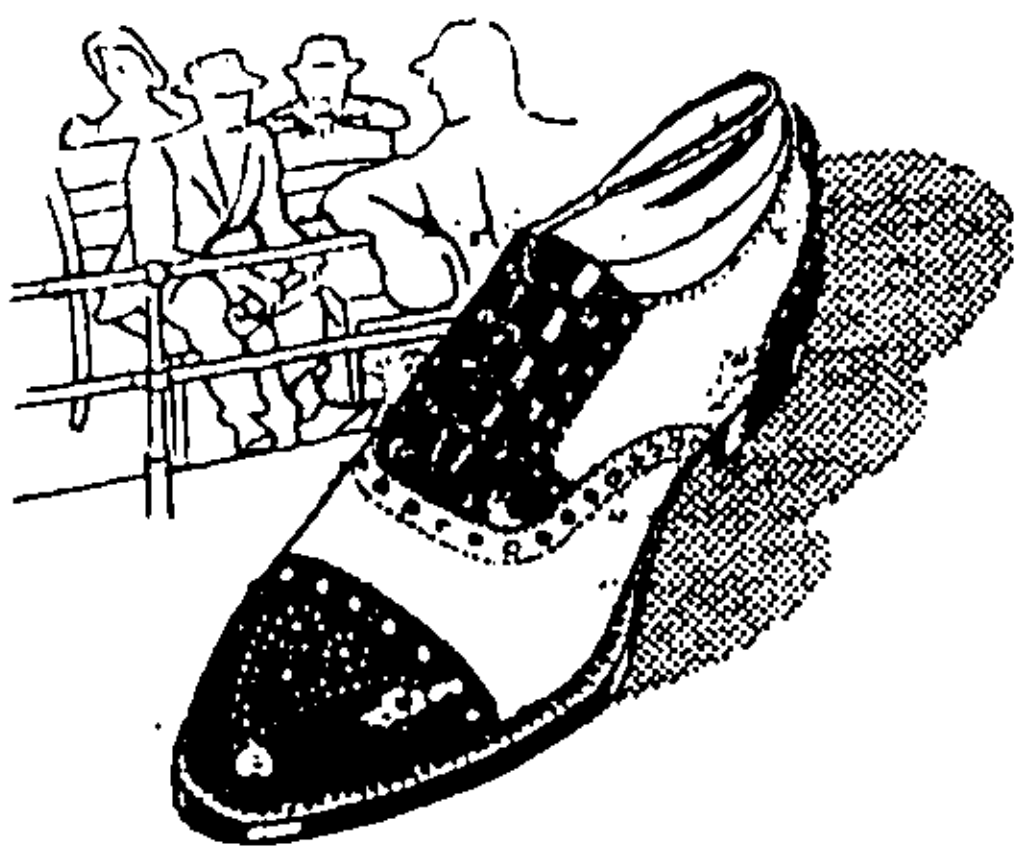
Hitler Profited

"It is a particular revolution by which Hitler has profited. It was well known in military and technical circles for years before the war."

"It did not spring from German but from British ideas and others like General de Gaulle. It has been exploited (Continued on Page 3.)"



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Lloyd George's Speech On War Administration

RESUMPTION OF THE debate on the vote of confidence had been resumed by Mr. Lloyd George with a spirited speech.

He said that with the first part of the resolution (expressing confidence in the Government) everyone agrees but there were parts of the Government's war administration on which there was dissatisfaction and disappointment.

Mr. Lloyd George asked why Mr. Eden, whilst talking about the loyalty of Turkey, withheld the fact that Turkey allowed German ships to pass through the Bosphorus into the Dardanelles to seize the Aegean Islands.

Appealing for more information, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are not an infantile nation to withhold unpleasant facts from. This nation has faced far too many crises and defeats in the past to be frightened by anything that has happened even up to the present."

Stimson Speech

Mr. Lloyd George thanked God for Colonel Stimson's speech which showed that the Americans realised the gravity of the position, but it was important "not to exaggerate what you are going to get or rather how quickly you are going to get it."

In the last war, America put their fleet in the Atlantic while Japan guaranteed the Pacific, but to-day the Americans had got to keep in mind that they are now the sole guardians of the Pacific.

War Council

If America was going to enable us to catch up, and then to overtake Germany, she had got to do infinitely more than any indication he had heard of up to the present.

He urged the Prime Minister to reconsider the whole distribution of manpower and to have a real War Council of three or four men, who should have nothing to do but study problems and give the Prime Minister their mature advice. — Reuter.

Obligation Of Honour

Mr. Lloyd George, whose Commons speeches are now infrequent, admitted there was complete agreement as to the obligation of honour to run every risk to support the valiant Greek army but there had never been a war where diplomacy had counted for so much and he expected from the Foreign Secretary a full and frank statement of Government foreign policy.

Our worst defeats had been defeats in diplomacy. Our greatest triumph had been a diplomatic triumph — the work of the late Lord Lothian.

He had hoped Mr. Eden would have more to say about relations with Turkey, about Spain and about Vichy.

Trouble In Iraq

We had now trouble in Iraq and Libya, the seizure of Greek islands and tremendous havoc amongst our ships.

We also had very dazzling successes. The victory of September was very remarkable, very thrilling, and for the time being, conclusive.

General Wavell's campaign was one of the most brilliant series of successes won by any British general in any long continuous war.

Referring to the Battle of the Atlantic, our position was that we had practically no allies and had to hold the position until there was such a change effected in the reorientation of nations as to enable us to secure victory. Until then our duty was to make Britain and the Empire impregnable and to resist the siege until our opportunity came.

Long War

In this connection he referred to the epoch-making speech of Mr. Stimson.

He had always thought it was going to be a long war and the

PREMIER ON DEFENCE OF NILE

(Continued from Page 2.)

and turned to our grievous injury by the non-inventive but highly competent and imitative Germans.

"FOR THE COMFORT OF MR. HORE-BELISHA, LET ME TELL HIM WE ARE MAKING EVERY MONTH NOW AS MANY TANKS AS THERE EXISTED IN THE BRITISH ARMY AT THE TIME HE LEFT THE WAR OFFICE, AND THAT WE SHALL, BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, BE PRODUCING NEARLY DOUBLE THAT. THIS TAKES NO ACCOUNT OF THE IMMENSE PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES."

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms about the composition of the Government, Mr. Churchill declared the Government "works easily and effectively at present and I do not propose to make a further change until further advised."

Negative Principle

"Something has been said of the importance of my being surrounded by people who would stand up to me and say 'No, no, no.'"

"He has no idea how strong the negative principle is in the constitution and working of British war-making machinery. (Laughter)."

"The difficulty is not to have more brake put on the wheel but to get more impetus and force behind it."

"In the business of Libya and Greece, no violence has been done to expert military opinion. All decisions have been taken unilaterally and purely voluntarily in goodwill under the pressure of events."

"I personally, as head of the Government, obviously assumed the responsibility in a most direct personal form."

"IT FOLLOWS THAT I AM THE ONE WHOSE HEAD MAY BE CUT OFF IF WE DO NOT WIN THE WAR — AND I AM VERY READY THAT THIS SHOULD BE SO — AND THAT BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WOULD PROBABLY EXPERIENCE AN EVEN MORE UNPLEASANT FATE AT THE HANDS OF THE TRIUMPHANT HUNS. (LAUGHTER)."

Nile Valley Issues

"There is a tendency in some quarters, especially abroad, to talk about the Middle East as if we could afford to lose our position there and yet carry on the war to victory on the oceans and in the air."

"Stated as an academic strategic fact that may be true but do not let anyone underrate the gravity of the issues being fought for in the Nile Valley."

longer the better our chances. But we have to get over a very dark chasm."

He warned his countrymen against impatience and urged them to do the job, until America was ready, more thoroughly than they were doing it now. — British Wireless.

"Loss of the Nile Valley and the Suez Canal, of our position in the Mediterranean, of Malta, would be among the heaviest blows we could sustain."

"We are determined to fight for them with all the resources of the British Empire and we have every reason to believe we shall be successful."

Half A-Million Men

"General Wavell has under his orders at present nearly 500,000 men. A continuous flow of equipment has been in progress from this country during the last 10 months and now that Italian resistance in Abyssinia, Africa and the Somaliland is collapsing, a steady concentration northwards of all these forces is possible."

"Indeed, it has been for many weeks rapidly proceeding, and General Smuts has ordered the splendid South African Army (Cheers) forward to the Mediterranean shore."

"But the warfare of the Western Desert, or any of the deserts which surround Egypt, can only be conducted by comparative small numbers of highly equipped troops."

"Employment in the desert of large numbers may only lead to disaster. That is what happened to the Italians."

"A total of 180,000 men lay along African soil and once the head of these forces was chopped off it was not physically possible for them to retreat."

El Agheila

"The same thing, with important modifications, may well have happened to us when German armoured forces defeated and largely destroyed our single armoured brigade which was guarding the advanced frontier of the province of Cyrenaica."

"I HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT EL AGHEILA. THE GENERALS WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY TAKING UNDUE RISK IN PERSONAL MOVEMENTS."

"Events are moving so fast and people have so much to do that there is no time to dwell upon the past, but certain broad features will surprise the House."

"The German armoured force was not much larger than our own. Technical mistakes and mischances occurred. With very little fighting our armoured forces became disorganised."

Tobruk Fortress

"Other troops we had in Benghazi only amounted to a division, which by a rapid retreat, gained Tobruk unmolested and there gained a large garrison, and with reinforcements, stands there at bay to-day."

"As we now know, the Germans had no expectations of proceeding beyond Agadabia. They meant to engage our armoured troops and create a diversion to prevent the despatch of reinforcements to Greece whilst bringing over larger forces from Italy and Sicily."

"When they won their surprising success, they accepted it with organised audacity and pushed on into the desert, taking little thought what they should eat or drink for the morrow."

"They pushed on until they came up against a very heavy prop at Tobruk and until they came to the large forces which guarded the frontiers of Egypt and lie back, securely based on land and sea communications."

"There at present they have stopped. It would be foolish to carry the story further but as long as the enemy has superiority in armoured vehicles they will have the advantage in desert warfare, although at present the air forces are about equal."

German Problem

"For an invasion of Egypt with the German main force, enormous preparations would be required. A pipeline might have to be made to carry an artificial river forward with the troops."

ONLY EIGHT OF 205 SHIPS SUNK

"Only eight out of 205 ships that left American ports with supplies for Britain were sunk in the first three months of this year," declared Senator Vandenberg before the U.S. Senate yesterday.

Senator Vandenberg said the Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission gave him these figures. — Reuter.

"We are lying back on our fertile desert which, incidentally, is the worst ground for armoured vehicles. We have command of the sea and the Germans are confronted with problems far more difficult than any they have solved in Africa."

"This is all the more true while we are defending, as we intend to defend to the death without thought of retirement, the highly offensive outposts of Crete and Tobruk."

"Crete has not yet been attacked. The strategic significance of Tobruk was obvious from the first and anyone can see how its irresistibility has proved itself on the enemy."

"We intend to fight with all our strength for the Nile Valley and the command of the Mediterranean. Our troops and resources will give a good account of themselves."

Deeds Not Words

"Let there be no feather-headed or defeatist talk about cutting our losses in the Middle East."

"As I said in December, when our situation in Egypt was far more critical than now, it is a case of deeds not words."

"Our generals on the spot believed no superior German force could advance effectively across the desert as soon or as quickly as they did and that if they did advance they would not be able to nourish themselves."

"That was a mistake but anyone who supposes there will not be mistakes in war is very unreal and foolish."

"It has yet to be seen how the forces that advanced will fare in the heavy fighting, with all its hazards, that still lies before them at no great distance."

Strategic Asset

"When your enemy has five or six times the regular army that you have, when he is more adequately equipped and is much stronger in the air and in tanks and when he lies in the centre of the war scene and can strike out in one, two or three directions simultaneously, out of a choice of seven or eight, it is evident that your problem becomes rather difficult."

"It is not possible to avoid repeated rebuffs and misfortunes and these we shall very likely have to go through for quite a long time."

"Our Intelligence Service was thought to be the best in the world in the last war and it is certainly not the worst in the world to-day."

In Iraq

"As long ago as May, the Foreign Office began to ask for troops to be sent to Iraq to guard our lines of communication. But all the troops we had got had to go to the Nile Valley."

"In default of these troops, it was difficult to make headway against the pro-Axis intrigues of Raschid Ali, whose object obviously was to have everything ready for the Germans as soon as they could reach Iraq, according to plan."

"THEREFORE, THE ILL-INFORMED, CLOUTFUL, KID-GLOVED 'BRITISH' GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY FORESTALLED THIS PLOT."

"A strong British force landed and assumed control of the highly important bridgehead in the east—Basra—wherefore we shall doubtless have to fight hard and long."

"Raschid Ali was led into more violent courses. For several days we were very anxious about the position there."

"We have made great progress in all these spheres but there is much more to do."

"With the continued flow of assistance already given us by the United States we can probably maintain our minimum essential traffic during 1941."

U.S. Assurances

"For 1942 we must look to the immense construction of merchantmen in the United States; I have received assurance of construction by the U.S. which, added to our own large programme, should see us through that year."

"Maybe 1943, if we have to endure it as a year of war, will present other problems."

"The United States Patrol announced by President Roosevelt takes a considerable part of the Atlantic in a certain degree off our hands but we need a good deal more help and I expect we shall get a good deal more help in many ways."

"It has been declared we are to have all help that is necessary but here I speak with caution because no British Minister can forecast, still less prescribe, the policy of the United States."

"When that mighty Democracy of 130 million gets on the move one can only await full developments of the translation of those vast psychological manifestations into physical means."

Besiegers Routed

"Yesterday the garrison at Habaniyah sallied out, completely routed the besiegers and put them to flight. Twenty-six Iraqi officers and 408 men were taken prisoners and total enemy casualties are estimated at 1,000."

"Possibly the Germans will arrive before we have crushed the revolt, in which case our task will become more difficult. 'Possibly the revolt went off half-cock."

"We intend to assist the Iraqis to get rid of Raschid Ali and his military dictatorship at the earliest possible moment."

"I have never promised anything but blood, tears, toll and sweat, to which I will add our full share of mistakes, shortcomings and disappointments, and also that this may go on for a very long time, and at the end of which I firmly believe there will be a complete and final victory. (Cheers)."

Battle Of Atlantic

"It is a mistake to say the Battle of the Atlantic is won. Our test is the number of tons of imports brought in."

"At present we are maintaining a rate of traffic with heavy losses. We are trying to meet these losses by building new ships, repairing damaged ships and accelerating the turning round of our ships in the ports."

Hitler's Fear

"Hitler's fear of the United States is apparent from the fact that he not long ago, declared war upon them."

"I have never underrated our problems and danger. We are fighting for life and survival from day to day and hour to hour."

"But Hitler has his problems too and if we only remain united and strive to our utmost to increase our exertions and work together like a great family, helping each other as five million families are doing in Britain to-day under enemy fire, I cannot conceive how anyone can doubt that victory will crown the good cause which we serve."

The Tempest

"It is almost a year since the disastrous Battle of France. Little did we know what storms and perils lay before us and little did Hitler know when he received the total capitulation of France and expected to be master of Europe in a few weeks and of the world in a few years; that 10 months later he would be appealing to the much-tried German people to prepare themselves for the war of 1942."

"WHEN I LOOK BACK ON THE PERILS WHICH WE HAVE OVERCOME AND REMEMBER ALL THAT HAS GONE WRONG AND ALSO ALL THAT HAS GONE RIGHT, I FEEL SURE WE HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR THE TEMPEST."

"Let it roar, let it rage. We shall come through." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

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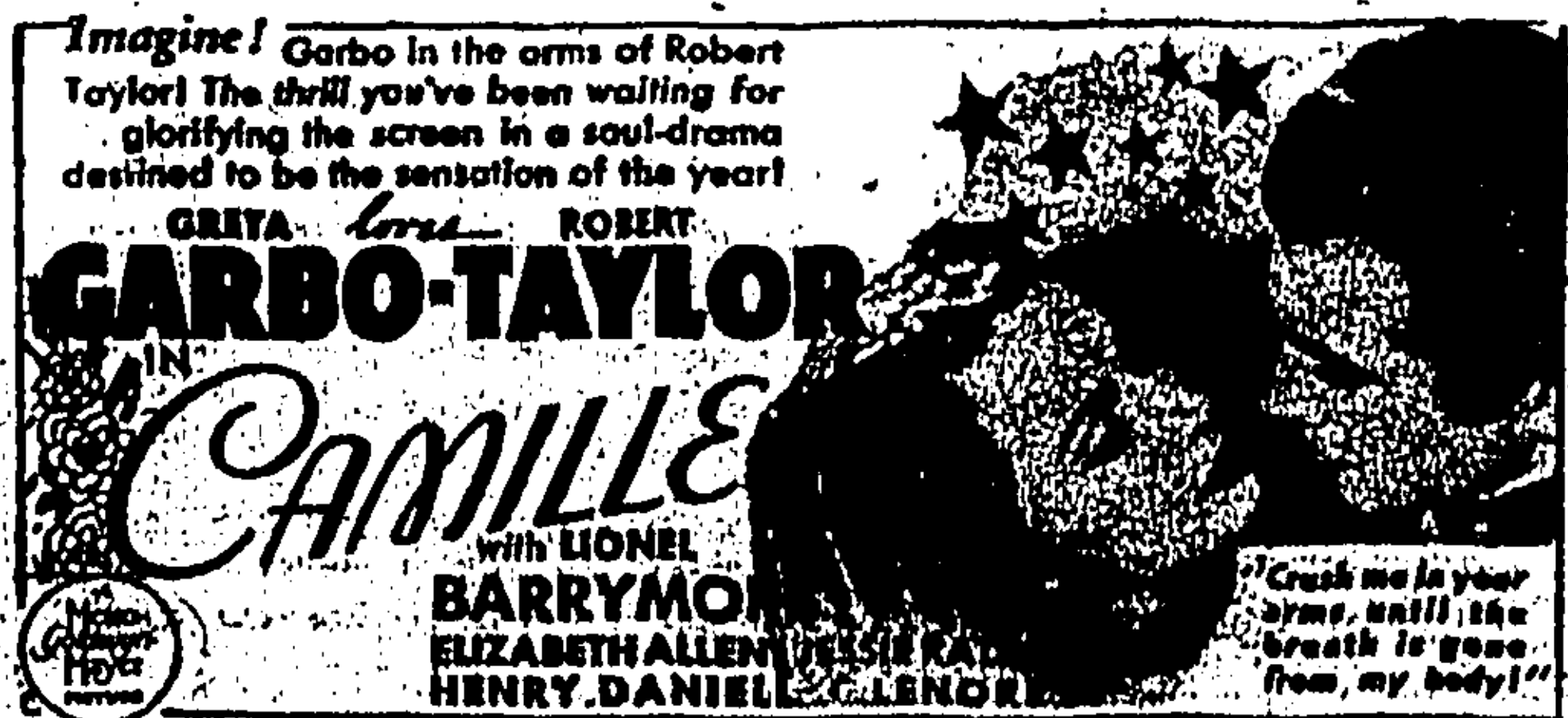
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STIMSON SPEECH A TURNING POINT IN AMERICAN HISTORY

MR. STIMSON'S BROADCAST SPEECH IS
GENERALLY HAILED BY THE UNITED
STATES PRESS AS A TURNING POINT IN THE
NATION'S HISTORY.

The "New York Herald-Tribune"
describes it as an eloquent and incisive call
for use of the U.S. Navy to police the seas
against German piracy.

The next two or three
weeks, the paper declares,
are likely to be the most
critical in the history of
the United States.

"Let us have a showdown
with Hitler while it is still
possible for us to have it at
our own tremendous advantage."

The "New York Times"
emphasises the United States
cannot afford to make the mistake
other Democracies have made over
and over again—a mistake of too
little and too late.

War Call

It declares "The decision we
are called upon to make is one
of the greatest in our history.
The question we are confronted
with is not whether or not
Americans want war. If Britain
is defeated we are going to get
war whether we want it or not."

BATAVIA RADIO, COM-
MENTING ON THE SPEECH,
SAYS "EVEN MR. CHURCHILL
COULD HARDLY HAVE DONE
BETTER."

"In a manner worthy of a
public prosecutor Mr. Stimson
flung his accusations straight into
the teeth of the man who is to
blame for all the misery he has
caused mankind."

"THE SPEECH WAS AT ONCE
A WARNING AND A DECLARA-
TION OF WAR."

"Readier Than Ever"

The U.S. Navy was "readier now
than ever" to undertake the job
of assuring delivery of war sup-
plies to Britain, "if and when such
du'y was assigned to it," stated
Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of
Navy, speaking at his press con-
ference yesterday.

Col. Knox also said the U.S.
Navy was taking over the "sea-
going activities" of the Coast-
guards.

Commenting on Mr. Stimson's
broadcast, Col. Knox said he
thought it "a forthright, coura-
geous and very enlightening
talk, animated by a high spirit of
patriotism." —Reuter.

WAR OF THE SMALL PEOPLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Australian Pre-
mier, Mr. R. G. Menzies,
who arrived in the U.S. by
Clipper from Britain
yesterday, urged the
immediate commence-
ment of American con-
voys for British ships tak-
ing war materials across
the Atlantic.

"England is absolutely depen-
dent on the United States," Mr.
Menzies declared.

"This is a war of small people,
and the small people of England
are looking for increased aid
from small people over here."
—International News Service.

GERMAN SEAMEN ROUNDED UP

OVER 100 GERMAN SEAMEN,
STRANDED IN NEW YORK
SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF
WAR, HAVE BEEN ROUNDED
UP BY THE POLICE AND
CHARGED WITH OVER-STAY-
ING THEIR LEAVE IN THE
UNITED STATES.

It is expected they will be in-
terned.

Similar round-ups are believed
to be proceeding in other Ameri-
can ports. —Reuter.

STRIKE IN BELGIAN COAL MINES

A strike has broken
out in the Belgian
coal mines, according
to information from
Brussels reaching the
Free Belgian news
agency in London
yesterday.

The miners, who
have refused to join
the only union open
to them, stopped
work a week ago and
are being fined two
marks for each day
they remain on strike.
—Reuter.

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR"

Mr. Menzies' Confidence

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR. I do not
say that in any easy optimism, but I say it
with supreme confidence," declared Mr. R. G.
Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, in a
speech at Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Menzies was addressing members of
the Canadian Club at luncheon, shortly after
his arrival from New York in a Canadian
Royal Air Force bomber.

"We British," he said, "have the
will, the men, and the spirit. All
we need is for the world to give
us the machines."

"Our cause is the cause of the
United States and of all civilised
peoples. It is the cause of the
common man."

"The saddest thing he had ever
seen was the people of Britain
being led from blazing streets: the
sight of them hurrying to work
again next morning was the hap-
piest."

"These people are not going to
ask for peace—they are going to
fight for it."

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-
General, and Mr. Mackenzie King,
Canadian Prime Minister, attend-
ed the luncheon.

In The Commons

Mr. Menzies afterwards attend-
ed a meeting of the Canadian
House of Commons and was given
a seat on the floor of the House—
the first time a non-member has
been so honoured since the last
war.

The members greeted him with
rousing applause.

Afterwards, Mr. Menzies attend-
ed a meeting of the Canadian War
Cabinet. He is expected to ad-
dress the Canadian House of Com-
mons at a later date. —Reuter.

NAZIS AND DARDANELLES

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATE-
MENT ISSUED IN BERLIN YES-
TERDAY SAYS THAT THE
QUESTION OF THE DAR-
DANELLES HAS NOT SO FAR
LED TO ANY COMPLICA-
TIONS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN
ANY CHANGE RELATING TO
THE MONTREUX CONVEN-
TION.

The statement added that Tur-
key had adhered rigidly to its
obligations and had not allowed
warships through the Straits or
their use as a naval base. —
Reuter.

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Showing TO-DAY: A Chinese Picture in Mandarin

描金鳳 "Golden Phoenix"



Turks' Unchanging Policy Of Freedom

AN ARTICLE BY THE EDITOR OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL TURKISH NEWSPAPER "ULUS" WAS QUOTED BY ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY UNDER THE TITLE "THE FUEHRER'S SPEECH AND OUR NATIONAL DEFENCE."

After pointing out that Turkey is now in contact with a new world war — or anarchy — the writer says Turkey's unchanging policy is based on independence, national defence and national security.

Asking whether Turkey will be able to defend that policy under the new conditions, the writer says "We are determined to do so and our desire is to follow our national policy to retain complete freedom."

Stressing that Turks looked for no advantage to themselves other than to protect the inviolability of Turkey, the article says Turkey has no designs on territory belonging to others, "nor have others the least right to ours."

The article concludes "Turkey has passed through a 20 months' test in which she has convinced everyone she will not provoke hostilities on her own frontier."

German Faith

"As long as Germany remains faithful to her determination not to provoke war against Turkey, and to abstain from giving rise to complications in this country, we, too, can feel sure that our peace will remain undisturbed."

"The war did not begin in the East nor will it end there." — Reuter.

SEVEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed in daylight yesterday was brought to seven when R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the north-east coast in the evening.

There was considerable enemy activity off the south-east coast yesterday when in a series of dog-fights British fighters shot down six enemy fighters and severely damaged a number of others.

One Spitfire squadron got four of them in three different fights off the Kentish Coast.

Two British fighters are missing. During daylight on Tuesday, four enemy fighters were destroyed, two by fighters and two by anti-aircraft gunfire. Five British fighters are missing from Tuesday's operations but three pilots are safe.—Reuter.

ARAB RECRUITS FOR BRITISH ARMY

The Mayor of Nablus, Suleiman Toukan, told a parade of Arab recruits for the British Army yesterday that he cherished glorious memories of their brethren who, a quarter of a century ago under the leadership of King Hussein and his noble sons, fought alongside British troops in defence of freedom until victory was achieved.

"If their aim was noble and lofty your aim to-day is even more so."—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." FINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Found guilty of violating the Betting and Lottery Act, the "North China Daily News" was fined in H.M. Police Court yesterday 10/- on each of three charges for publishing lottery advertisements.

The magistrate remarked that according to British law the facts proved an infringement of the Act despite the fact that the lottery was operated for relief.

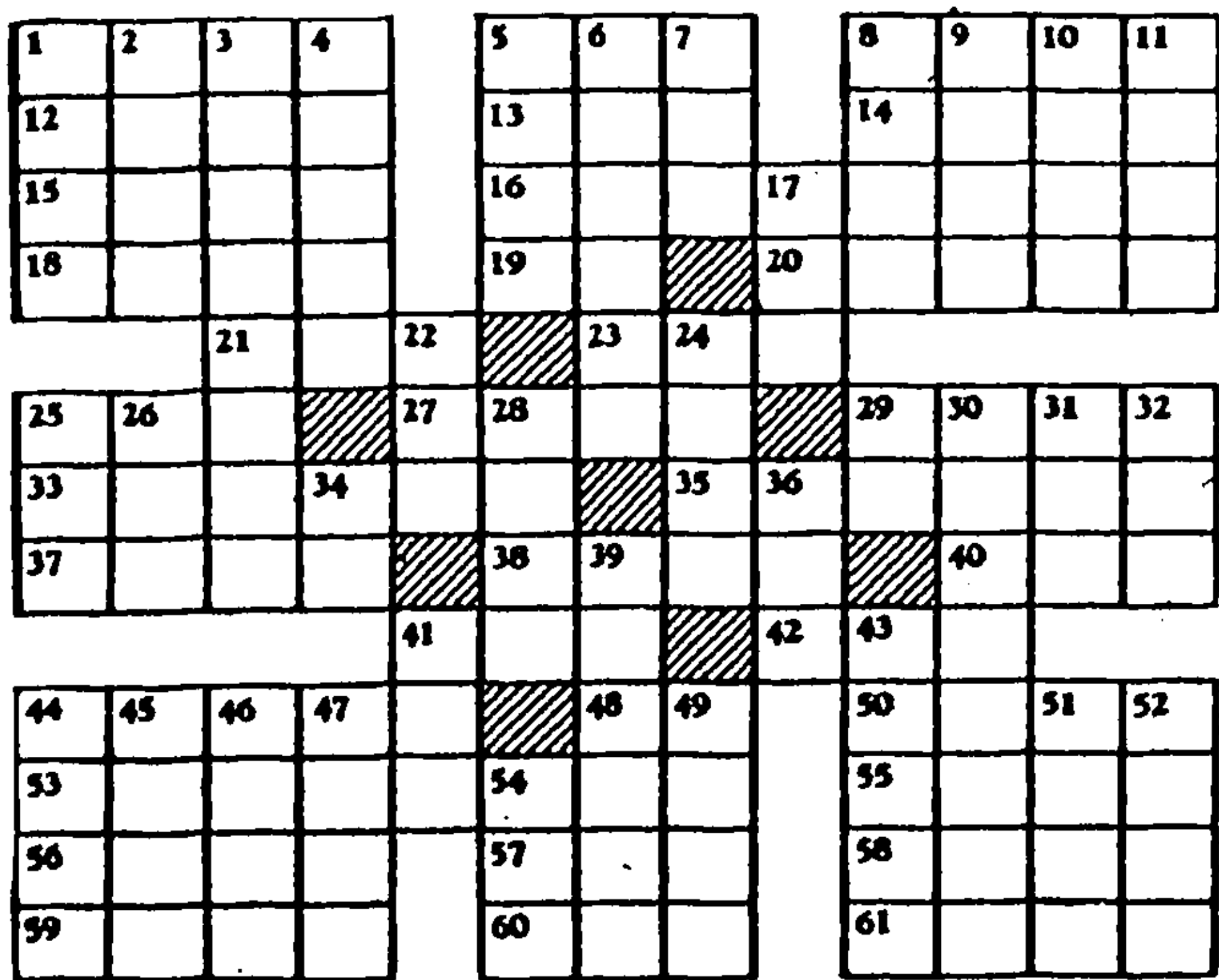
Further, defence counsel failed to prove to the court's satisfaction that the Act was unsuitable for application to China. — International News Service.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pitcher
- 5 Top
- 8 Roman patriot
- 12 Narrow opening
- 13 Consumed
- 14 Footless animal
- 15 Mine entrance
- 16 Curtain
- 18 Smooth consonant
- 19 Printer's measure
- 20 Geese, genus
- 21 Cloth measure
- 23 Shade, tree
- 25 Beard, as of wheat
- 27 Otherwise
- 29 Rational
- 33 To speak from memory
- 35 Absconded
- 37 Arabian seaport
- 38 Agile
- 40 American writer
- 41 Music, as written
- 42 Greek letter
- 44 To move smoothly

- 48 Exists
- 50 Aloud
- 53 Silent
- 55 Brain membrane
- 56 Solar disc
- 57 Constellation
- 58 Man's name
- 59 To pierce
- 60 Girl's name
- 61 Let it stand

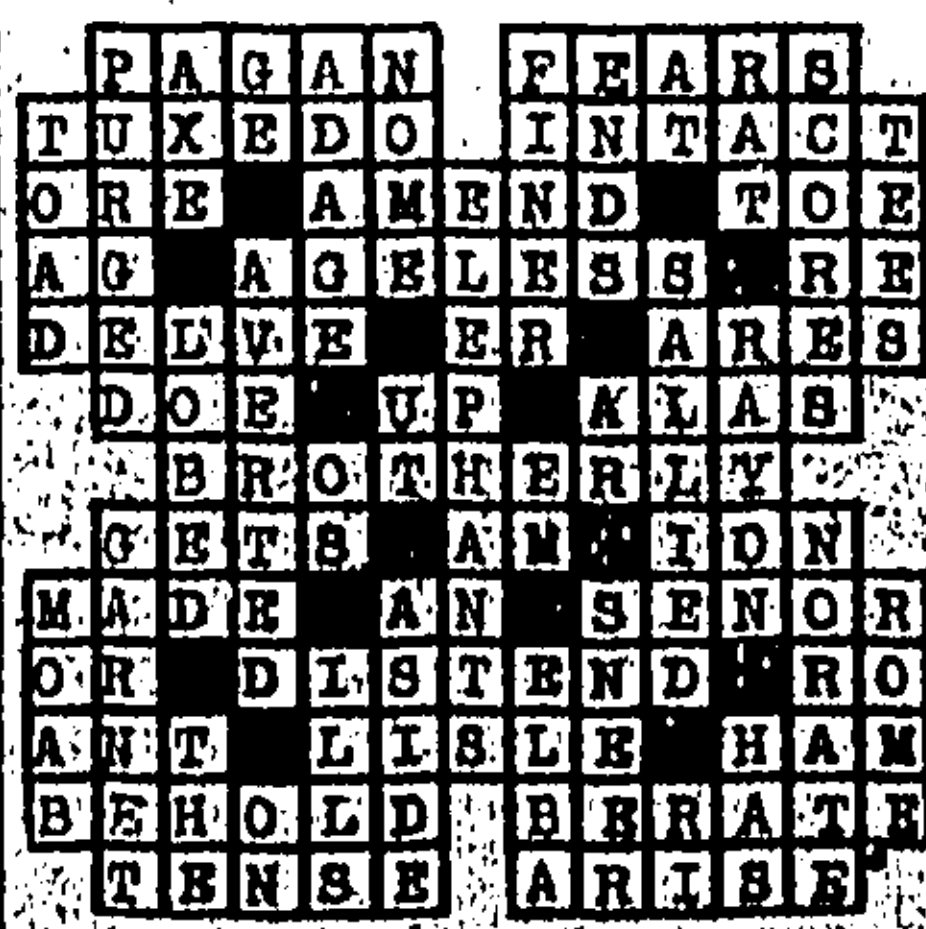
VERTICAL

- 1 Pertaining to a period of time
- 2 Broad
- 3 Exalted rank
- 4 South American rodent
- 5 Cloak
- 6 Makes amends

7 By

- 8 Brother of Abel
- 9 Simians
- 10 Ripped
- 11 River in Germany
- 17 Scotch cap
- 22 To allow
- 24 To look slyly
- 25 Constellation
- 26 Married
- 28 For fear that
- 29 Extremely
- 30 Obvious
- 31 Prefix: new
- 32 Holland commune
- 34 Preposition
- 36 Caustic substance
- 39 Hurt
- 41 Dry
- 43 Carries
- 44 To seize
- 45 Mother of Apollo
- 46 Roman highway
- 47 To sup
- 48 Greek portico
- 51 Fibre plant
- 52 To endure
- 54 High note

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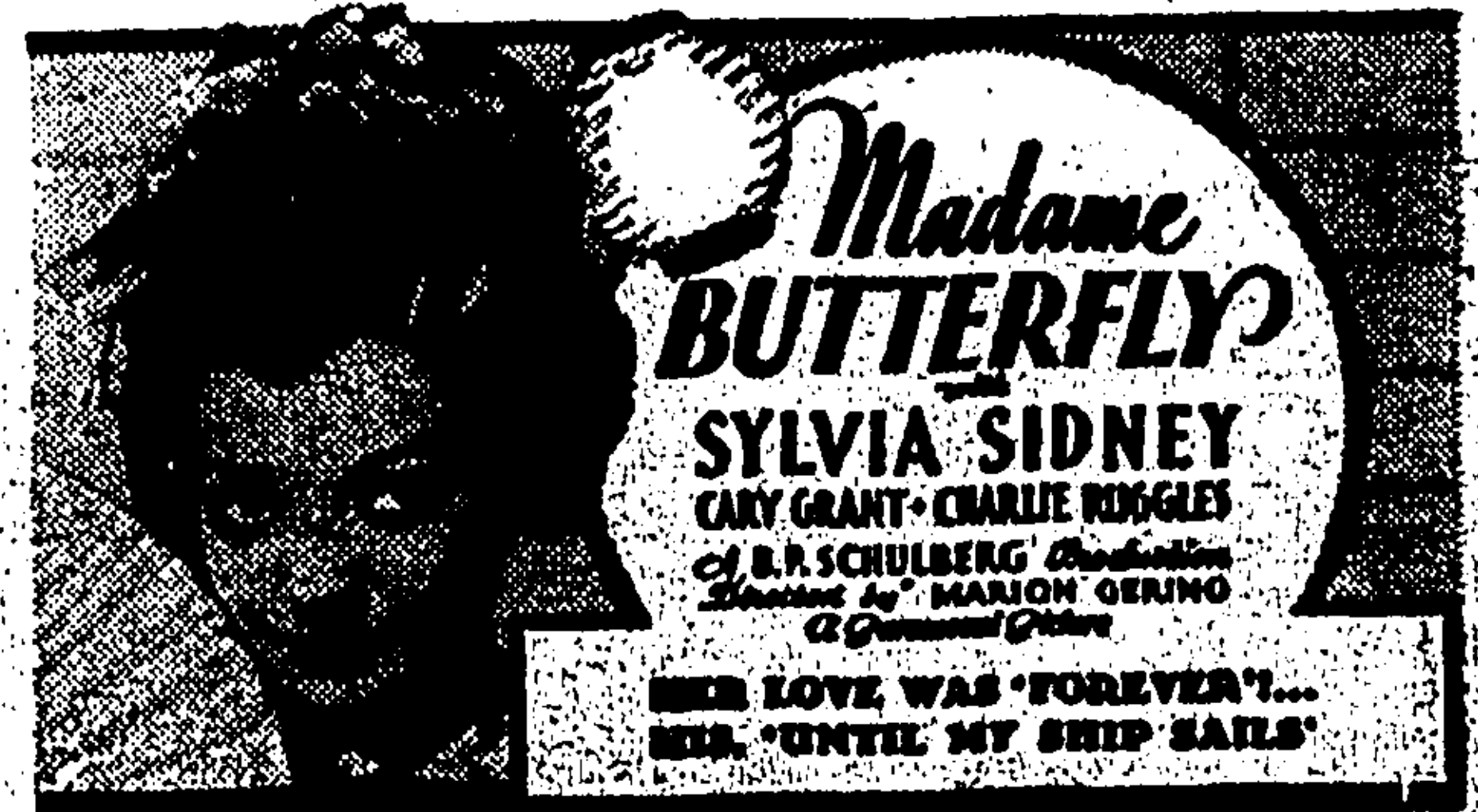
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AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

The address of Secretary of the Navy Knox at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association follows:

AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, of course, I do have access to intimate details of information, from all parts of the world, that are not available to all, but this larger and more intimate knowledge in nowise changes the general aspect of the world situation as it is set forth daily in your publication and mine.

What we all see is an America which is gradually becoming encircled by military powers whose ideals, institutions and methods are all of them irreconcilably antagonistic to our ideals, institutions and methods.

These same powers have also openly and repeatedly proclaimed themselves our enemies, and these openly avowed enemies have joined themselves together in a pact which they do not hesitate to say is aimed at us, and at us alone!

The only reason that this hostile pact, admittedly aimed at us, has not resulted in open warfare upon us has been because it does not suit the present purpose of these powers to engage in war with us. Wherever, in the judgment of the Axis powers, it better suits their purpose to begin hostilities, hostilities will begin, and nothing that we can do, save prostrating ourselves in abject surrender, will change this.

For months there has been almost complete suspension of all direct contact between the United States and all of Europe, save Britain alone.

Across the course of the ships that ply this single route have been flung an enlarged fleet, no one knows how numerous, of submarines — submarines which, due to scientific discoveries, are vastly more effective than they were in the last war.

The sea-going range of these submarines has been immensely increased, and the field of their activity steadily expands westward, far over the line which divides the Atlantic between Europe and America.

French Bases

Possession of convenient bases on the French coast has added a whole fleet of surface raiders — ships of high speed, and some of them of great gun power, which prey disastrously upon the commerce between Britain and America. Finally, from bases in Northern Norway and Western France, huge fleets of heavy bombers circle back and forth to add terror from the skies to the dangers that lurk along the sea lanes leading to a beleaguered England. Steadily the toll of lost ships mounts far faster than replacements can be made.

To the southward of conquered Europe lies the Mediterranean, an accustomed highway for our ocean commerce in times of peace. To-day the Mediterranean is forbidden waters. On its bosom ply only the craft that carry supplies to fighting armies, and the British and Italian men of war who fight for its control. Gone is all of our contact with the nations that border that sea.

The great continent of Africa, itself a field for contending armies, offers no ports for our merchantmen's trade. Its western coast, which thrusts itself half way across the South Atlantic, affording an excellent base for operations against the southern half of the Western Hemisphere, is denied our commerce. Whether we swing eastward around the Cape of Good Hope or to the westward through the Straits of Magellan, we find enemy raider-infested seas. At the end of our journey, go we westward or eastward, we encounter an Axis partner who openly proclaims the entered that partnership in an effort to prevent us from interfering with their policies of ruthless military aggression.

Russo-Japanese Link

The latest link in this chain of encirclement that is being forged by the Axis powers is the recently announced agreement between Russia and Japan. Russia was not in any peril of attack by Japan, Japan not only

has her hands full, and more than full, in her attempt to subjugate Southern China by force of arms, but her aspirations are not northward. They are southward. Japan imperatively needed assurance that she would not be attacked in the north while she was pressing her designs in the south. Just how much assurance Japan feels that her Manchukuo border is safe, I do not know, but whatever that assurance may be it enhances the likelihood of an expansion of hostilities by Japan into a region which is one of the sources of critical war materials for both Great Britain and ourselves. The conclusion of this pact is certain to strengthen the hand of the war party in Japan.

Empty Promise

Japan's promise, on the other hand, not to help Hitler if Hitler should attack Russia, is an empty promise. Japan could not help Russia in Europe if she wanted to, and Hitler does not need the help of Japan for such a purpose.

The end, therefore, of this deal between Russia and Japan which tightens the circle around us, leaves Russia quite as likely an object of attack by Hitler as she was before the deal was made, and leaves Japan free from any Russian interference in the Far East. Summed up in military terms, the Russo-Japanese agreement makes Japan more secure as she pursues her dream of domination of all Eastern Asia and leaves Russia no stronger in the event of an attempted Nazi seizure of the Ukraine.

Nazi Domination Aim

Thus, everywhere as we estimate the situation the world around, the pressure on us grows — through Libya; through Egypt and the Suez; through Yugoslavia and across to the sea; from the western coast of Africa to South America; through the Pacific to the Dutch Netherlands, and, most vital of all, across the broad North Atlantic from German bases in France and Norway now to Greenland. German strategy — world strategy, carefully planned and efficiently executed — is becoming clearer each day. German aspirations for world domination can no longer be mistaken. The jaws of the Nazi trap are closing.

How long will we remain bemused and stupefied while the Axis powers press their plans for our isolation and ultimate defeat? Wherein lies the difference between what Germany has done to her earlier victims and what she is doing to us? First, the bland and hypocritical assurance that she has no hostile plans. That is what she told Poland when she signed the Polish non-aggression pact. Then, the organization of a skillfully integrated information service that would lay bare our weaknesses, our internal divisions and our vulnerable spots just as she did in France, and then, the organization of her fifth columns not yet loosed to the maximum but sufficiently active to warn us unmistakably of their presence, just as she did in Norway. Next, a steady encirclement and seizure of vantage points from which to launch her attack just exactly

as she has just done in Yugoslavia. Why, we even emulate the Axis victims in our psychology. We think we can escape while all the rest of the world suffers. We keep alive a wretched partisanship when a united patriotism should characterize our thinking. We refuse to believe that the Axis powers even intend to attack us, or could be successful if they did. We refuse to face the realities of the situation in South America, the protection of which from successful invasion is a primary condition of our defence.

'Fatuus Complacency'

In that great region to the south of us, readily available as a base for an attack upon us, there is neither the military nor naval power to resist against invasion. In our fatuous complacency we ignore that in the present economic set-up the tug of self-interest comes from Europe and not from North America. We fail to give due consideration to the size and significance of the subversive, pro-Nazi elements in many of the countries in that region — subversive elements that would speedily promote revolutionary chaos to the advantage of the Axis itself.

Many of us fail to face what it will mean to our security if the Axis powers once gained a foothold close to our borders. We ignore what that might mean to the safety of the Panama Canal, the most vital line of communication under the American flag. Too few of us realize, and still fewer acknowledge, the size of the disaster to American hemispheric safety if Germany, already the conqueror of France, should establish herself in Dakar, a French colonial possession. From there, with her surface ships, submarines and long-range bombers, a victorious Germany could substantially cut us off from all commerce with South America and make of the Monroe Doctrine a scrap of paper.

If England Fell

Finally, some of the very blind among us refuse to see what will be the inevitable result if the final link in the chain of our encirclement is forged and the battle of the Atlantic is lost and England succumbs, with her fleet sunk or captured.

This is but a partial, withal a brutally blunt, summary of the strategy of encirclement of which we are the victims.

Before we attempt an inventory of the measures we could take to meet this growing menace, this obvious encirclement, let us thoroughly digest this fact: Suppose this should happen — that our encirclement and isolation was complete and England had fallen. We then will be given but two choices — the choice of surrender or the choice of fighting. We won't surrender and we will fight. No one who knows about America and Americans doubts that. Consequently, we must fight ultimately unless we find and put into effect measures that will enable Britain to win without our fighting.

Course Already Outlined

We have already gone far in this direction. We have declared that the fight that England is making is our fight. We have likewise affirmed that the enemies she is fighting are our enemies. We have denounced without reserve Axis aggression. Axis faithlessness to treaties, Axis brutal and murderous disregard of international good faith, and we have said, with an overwhelming public approval of this statement, that we are in the fight to stay until victory for human liberty, for justice and her good faith is won.

We have made our productive facilities available to those who are fighting the Axis. We have loaned them much of our military equipment, although we had insufficient for our own defence. We have passed the lease-lend bill and appropriated \$7,000,000,000 to implement that bill by an (Continued on Page 10)

PRESIDENT INEUNU RETURNS

President Ineunu of Turkey has returned to Ankara from a tour of the western provinces, says an Ankara despatch, quoted by the German News Agency, Reuter.



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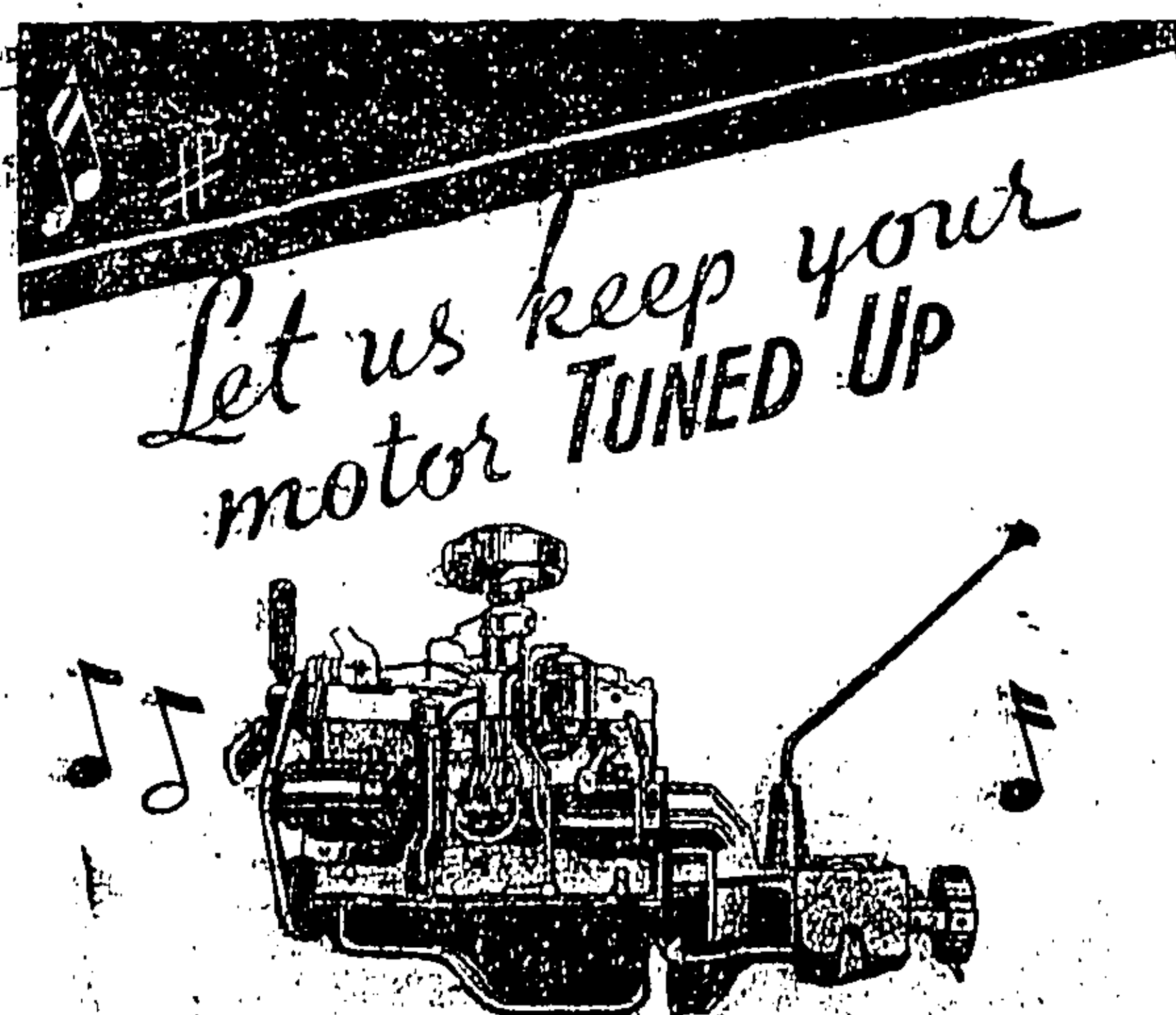
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THE PRESENT OUTLOOK

Most of the gaps in Mr. Churchill's story of the Balkans campaign have been filled in by Mr. Eden. General Wavell was able to invest in the Balkans roughly three divisions and a certain strength of air force in order to sustain the heroism of the Greeks, bring in the Yugoslavs and the Turks and so establish a south-eastern front. The force was small and the attempt failed.

This does not mean that it was a waste to make it. Except for the troops and equipment lost in Greece (a small percentage of the whole) we are in no worse position than we would have been had we remained passive; but the Germans are there. The Nazis are on the Aegean but where they would have arrived there, had we refused to go to the aid of Greece in peace and in full command of an undamaged communication net through the Balkans, they have actually arrived only at a heavy cost in life and machinery, with the whole country disrupted behind them, and filled with bittered peoples.

On balance, the attempt has unquestionably gained more than it has cost. But it is also true that the failure has created a new situation. Britain has lost her last foothold on the Continent; at the same time, she has paid a heavy price in prestige which doubles the difficulty of securing a recovery.

Whatever hope there may have been in either Vichy or Weygand seems now to be gone for good; Italy has been to some extent revived; Spain will doubtless fall whenever Hitler chooses to demand it; unless Britain can find the force to intervene soon, West Africa and Dakar will probably follow; and while Mr. Eden, who is in as good a position as any to judge, is confident of Turkish resistance, there are many who feel that this is dubious at best.

Apparently, Egypt and Suez have been saved from the threat through North Africa, and it is reasonable to expect that these positions, together with Crete, can be held. The Nazis have demonstrated that no difficulties of terrain and no half-armed resistance, however glorious, can stop them anywhere on the Continent, so long as they are allowed to choose their field and have time to prepare the onslaught. There can no longer be any reliance on allies, on limited campaigns to "stiffen" this people or "arouse" that one. In the meanwhile, the outcome of the war will continue to hang upon the endurance of the citadel of the British Isles.

Hitler would now seem to have two alternatives—to press the war at both ends of the Mediterranean, with the idea of splitting the empire and re-establishing the Italians before turning on the British Isles, or switching back his main forces for an immediate all-out assault on Britain. In either event, the strain upon the people of Britain over the next few months is going to be a terrific one, both materially and morally.

President Roosevelt has given an emphatic "yes" to the question of whether Britain will hold out and whether American sup-

plies should continue to be sent. But Britain cannot hold out on words alone or on planes and tanks consigned to the bottom of the sea, and the remarkable speech by Col. H. L. Stimson indicates that that is well understood in Washington.

There is every likelihood now of early action by the United States to secure the lifeline by naval cooperation.

The defeat in Greece spelt the end of all half-measures. Hitler can win this war, unless the democratic world now puts all it has into preventing it, unless the United States fearlessly "delivers the goods" as well as makes them—the goods to hold the British outpost now, and to accumulate later the crushing force which we now see to be the only answer to Hitlerism.



NO KID GLOVES

Mechanised Warfare

The campaigns of the current war have made so manifest the vital importance of using, in modern warfare, a mechanised force and of applying tactical principles based on the speed of that force that the question of the origin, nature and methods of action of this new weapon, sometimes called the motor-air combat team, has become not only of professional but of general interest.

As far back as five years before the beginning of this present war, General, then Captain, Charles de Gaulle who since the surrender of France has been the leader of the "Free Frenchmen," wrote a book, now published in English, in which he stressed the importance and urged the creation of a picked mechanised and armoured force, seeing in it the only adequate means of national defence. Such a force was used in the present war by France's adversary in Europe and, later on, by the British in Africa, in both cases with results so disastrous for their respective opponents that we can plainly see now how imperative was the need for the formation of the "imaginary" force advocated by General de Gaulle and the adoption of the principles laid down by him not only for France but for her allies as well.

In six brief but brilliantly written sections of the volume the author tells how France, because of the geographical disadvantages characteristic of her frontiers,

could not solve the problem of her national defence except by having, in addition to the mass of reserves and recruits, "slow to mobilise and clumsy to set going," a special body of troops, highly trained, mobile, protected by armour and ready for instantaneous action in combined operations with aircraft, the creation of which had been made possible by the enormous progress of modern

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technique, and he further sets forth what the composition and employment of that mechanised force should be and what kind of leadership it demands.

In his arresting analysis he foresaw that it would be in the "terrible breach" in the North-east, "age-old weakness of France," that the initial blow would fall, the shortest and easiest path being that toward the sources of the Oise, near which, at Sedan, less than fifty miles away, the breakthrough actually took place. He pointed out that France could not afford to lose even a single battle, since that would mean Paris put to fire and sword. He said that it would be absurd to build the country's defence solely on the "resistance of fortifications manned by novices," and he arrived at the conclusion that there could be no French defence without the above-mentioned mechanised force, capable of acting without delay, winning all important victories at the very outset, on which the development of future operations would so much depend.

It is impossible not to see how closely the merely theoretical principles, expounded in this book, such as the use of initiative and speed and the launching of surprise assaults, all cited as conditions inherent to victory, resemble the actual principles on which action by mechanised forces was based in the war now going on. But the resemblance is even more striking when we compare the imaginary attacks, vividly described by General de Gaulle, with the lightning tactics used by Germany in Poland and Western France. As one significant detail, we even find that the strength of the armoured force used in the Polish campaign, which is estimated at some six or seven panzer divisions, was substantially the

same as that of the "army of shock-troops" which de Gaulle had projected in 1934. It is of further interest that a year after France saw the publication of his book there appeared in a German military periodical an article on the tactics of armoured troops which was later followed by another and, finally, by a special study in which mechanised warfare was described in even greater detail than in the volume here reviewed.

There is, of course, no way of telling whether General de Gaulle's book had influenced the German author, an officer by the name of Guderian, who, incidentally, was that general who commanded one of the mechanised columns in Poland and was subsequently in command of the "completely motorised" corps which broke through at Sedan. He may have been impressed by the earlier exponents of mobile warfare, such as von Seeckt and even before him the French General Buat, who was probably the first to proclaim that "with the appearance of the motor on the battlefield, mobility has regained its full importance." But the greatest significance lies in the fact that, unlike France, the Germans did not confine themselves to paper expositions of the tactical powers of the armoured divisions, but as early as 1935 they began to create such divisions out of the cadres of the motorised companies of the Reichswehr, which was admitted in the articles mentioned above.

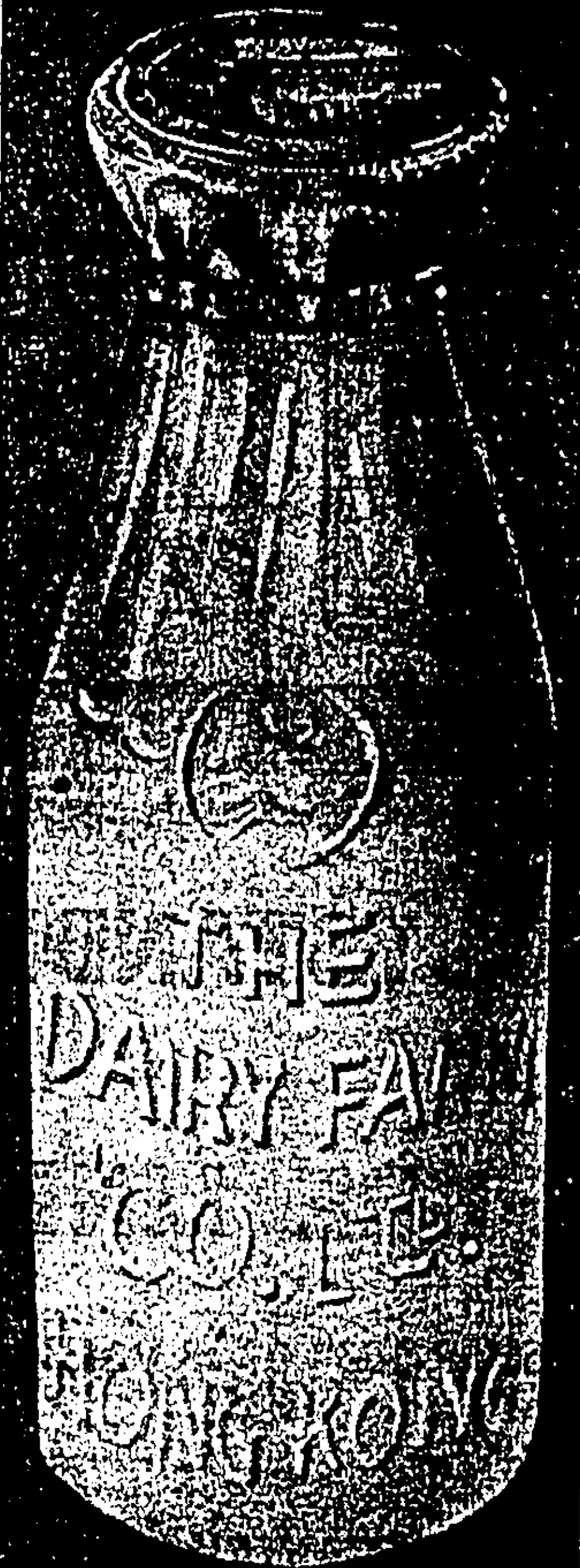
That the French were slow to create a mechanised force, and at the same time modify the established ideas and the technique of warfare was due, no doubt, for one thing, to the instinctive and understandable fear of every army, particularly of a victorious army, to undertake fundamental reforms, such as changing its structure and tactics. But the outstanding answer to that question is apparently to be found where de Gaulle speaks of the general conditions under which France functioned in the pre-war period. In one place the author says that there had "developed in our people an anti-war psychosis which is being carried to excess," while in another we read that "there are so many discussions and so many contingencies in public life that the best activities, even when they are set in motion, seldom lead to results." In short the situation was one very close to "paralysis."

Under these conditions, though General de Gaulle ended his prophetic study with a hope that a change "must come," his hope or belief, as has since been made plain, was without foundation.

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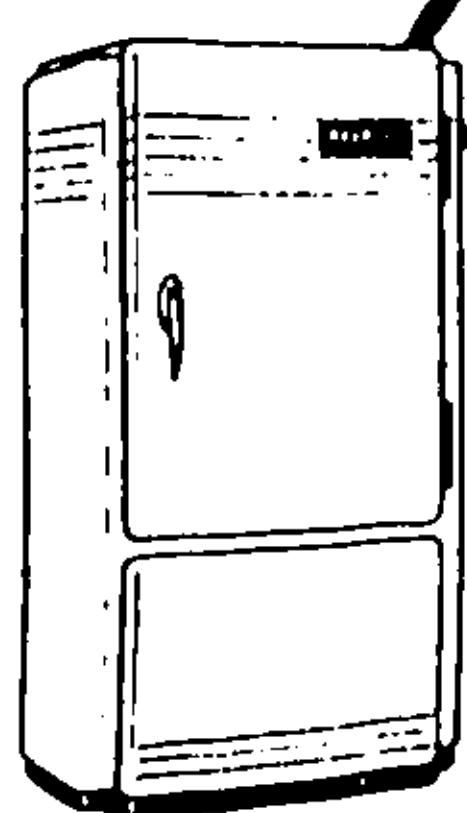
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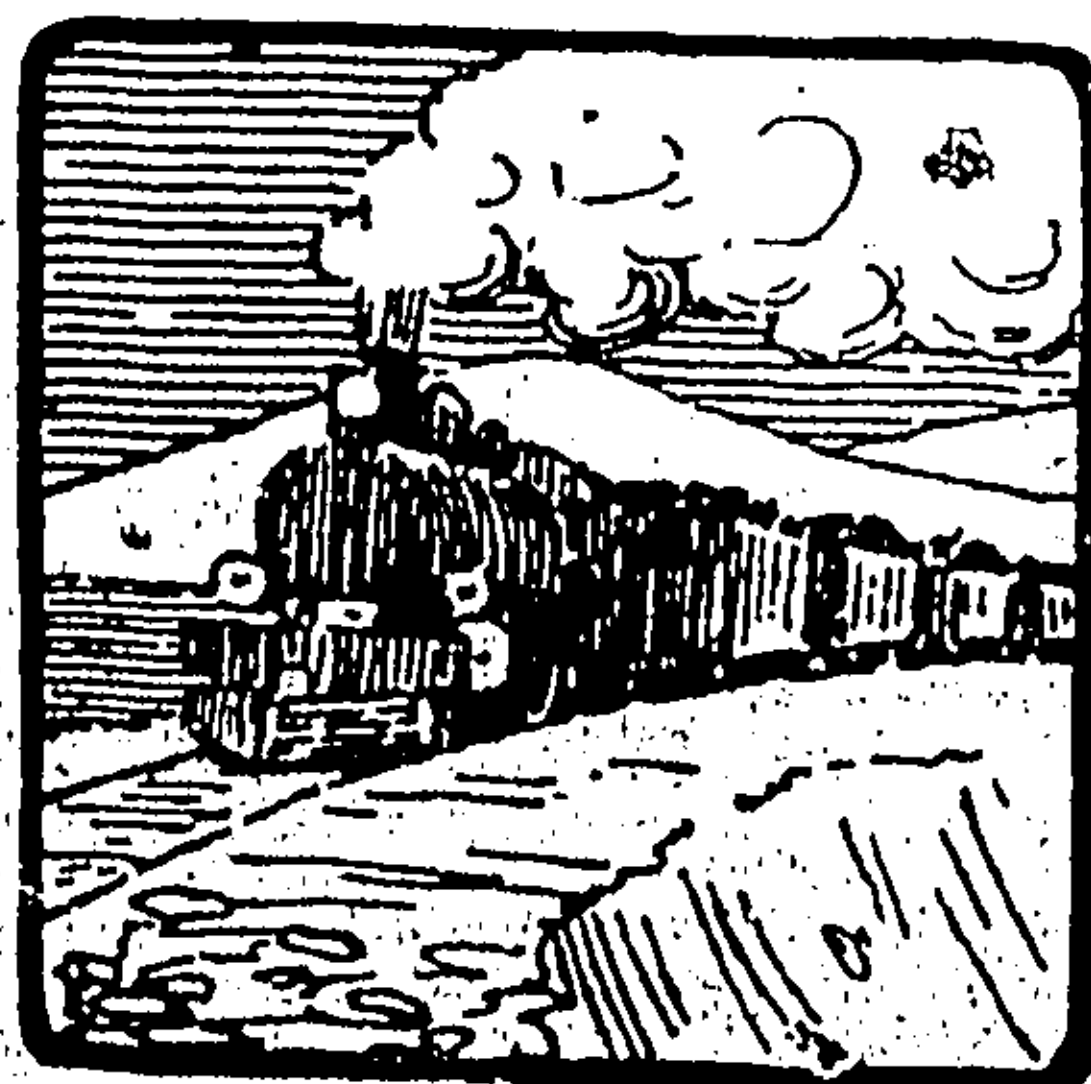
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SOVIET-JAPAN PACT BALKS U.S.A.

THE SOVIET UNION, through the newspaper "Pravda," official organ of the Communist party, bluntly described the new Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact as a bewildering blow to the plans of United States and British interests whom it accused of having conspired to draw Russia into war against Japan or Germany.

Declaring that the pact had been under consideration for ten years, "Pravda" said it was not directed against Germany and at the same time disclosed, without elaboration, that the Kremlin last November had refused a bid to become an Axis partner.

Calling the Japanese-Russian agreement an instrument of peace that "creates a solid foundation for development of friendly relations between the two states," the Communist organ added: "This obvious fact did not suit the taste of those foreign political circles that are striving not to limit but to extend the atmosphere of war and, above all, to draw the Soviet Union into the orbit of war."

U.S. Statement Is Cited

"In the American press there appeared even an official statement emanating from the State Department that 'the significance of this pact is somewhat exaggerated; it merely formulates on paper relations which late have existed between these countries.'"

"However, the attempt to belittle the importance of the Soviet-Japanese pact suffers a fiasco. The nerves of certain Anglo-American commentators are giving way."

"Pravda" asserted that both British and United States newspapers had begun to display "unexpected solicitude" for the interests of the two signatories, adding that "discussion is growing on the subject of who benefits more from the pact—the U.S.S.R. or Japan."

"All arguments of the British and American press," "Pravda" said, "lead one to conclude that, irrespective of the extent to which the pact benefits Japan or the U.S.S.R., it disturbed the plans of London and Washington politicians."

"Pravda" cited Washington reports to the effect that the United States had sought friendly relations with Moscow, hoping that strained Soviet-Japanese relations would deter Japan from attacking Britain's South Pacific naval base at Singapore and the Netherlands Indies.

Aims Of Pact Are Given

"But," it went on, "the 'ungrateful' Soviet Union failed to appreciate such an attitude toward itself and concluded the pact with Japan, directed against extension of the war and against embroiling the Soviet Union in war. Isn't it annoying!"

The newspaper said the "underlying foreign political motive of the 'friendly gestures' of Washington toward the U.S.S.R." was revealed by Washington correspondents Robert Kilner and Ky'e Alsop.

It also singled out an article by Walter Lippmann, which it said advanced the theory that the Soviet Air Force would threaten Japan while the Red Army menaced Japanese armies in Manchukuo.

Mr. Lippmann, "Pravda" contended, "reveals the plans of certain American politicians who had hoped to get others to draw their chestnuts out of the fire for them."

"Pravda" also said that other commentators had interpreted the Soviet-Japanese pact as giving Japan a free hand in the Netherlands Indies, Burma, Thailand and Singapore.

"So that is the real point!" it continued. "These are the true causes of the alarm of Mr. Lippmann and his bosses."

"Pravda" charged that "Lippmann's bosses" fear for their interests in the Pacific, where they apparently have 'weak spots' and

would desire to divert Japan's attention from these vulnerable spots by fanning conflicts between the U.S.S.R. and Japan."

"Consistent" Policy Of Peace

"But, alas, the U.S.S.R. remains invariably true to its 'bad behaviour' and consistently carries out a policy of peace, which found its expression also in the neutrality pact between the U.S.S.R. and Japan so disagreeable to American and British commentators," "Pravda" declared.

The article said that the "same fervor" had been shown in foreign press discussions as to whether the new pact meant an improvement or worsening in Russia's relations with Germany.

"Some commentators state that the Soviet-Japanese pact practically is directed against Germany," it said. "Others, on the contrary, assert that it was signed allegedly under direct pressure of Germany."

"It is hardly necessary to prove that there is no grain of truth in any of these assertions."

In its review of the Soviet-Japanese agreement, "Pravda" disclosed in detail for the first time the history of the negotiations leading to its signing on April 13 by Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, and Vyacheslav M. Molotov, Russian Premier and Foreign Commissar.

The newspaper said that Japan had refused the original Soviet proposal for a non-aggression pact ten years ago. The matter was not again raised until July, 1940, when Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, proposed a neutrality agreement. The Soviet Government approved in principle, but its conclusion was delayed by negotiation on specific terms.

In October, 1940, the new Japanese Ambassador, Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, proposed a non-aggression pact patterned after the Soviet-German treaty of 1939, "Pravda" said. However the Soviet Government replied that it preferred a bilateral neutrality agreement similar to the Soviet-German pact signed in 1926, and the new treaty followed this pattern.

BRITISH FOOD PURCHASES IN AMERICA

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. WICKARD, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF FOOD TO BRITAIN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT.

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BLACK MAN BEAT TANK

An official cable from Nairobi a tribute to the spirit of the Gold Coast troops in the fighting in Somaliland—men who at the beginning of the war had never seen a train or a motor-car, but who were prepared to face anything.

He reports: "We put one of them through the bush with an anti-tank gun. About dawn an Italian armoured car came out of the bush at them only a hundred yards away."

"Although this monster came crashing directly towards his 'hide-out,' the African did not open fire until the enemy was within thirty yards and then he shot the driver dead."

Abyssinian Hero

An Exchange Telegraph correspondent writes: When the story of Abyssinia's fight for freedom is written Dejazmatch Nagash, a picturesque figure, will be looked upon as one of the greatest heroes of independence.

For five years, this little man, whom the British appointed Governor of Burye after its capture, kept harassing the Italians to such an extent that they placed a price on his head.

Italian aircraft scoured the country-side for him, but without success, although one dived so low over him that it was brought down by the chief's own men.

FLARE ATTACK BY E-BOATS

Night attack on a British convoy by E-boats, firing flares to light up their targets—as told by an R.A.F. officer in a balloon barrage ship.

Thursday, 02.20 hours. — The place seemed to become like a fireworks display.

Everybody who had anything seemed to let it off.

Tracers showing up scarlet in the night were returned by bullets which appeared green in colour.

Then we heard a "phew"—almost next door it seemed, but whatever it was it did not find its mark.

After what seemed hours, but was only a few minutes, it seemed that the fireworks party was falling astern.

By the gun flashes and rattle of machine-guns, I knew our escort was doing its stuff.

DESERTION FROM GANDHI TEMPERS INDIAN POLITICS

THE INDIAN Christian community which has hitherto attracted less attention than its importance deserves promises to play a useful part in the political struggle now going on in India.

Twenty years ago this community numbered in all about 4,500,000 persons. By 1931 it had increased to close on 6,000,000, a growth of 32 per cent. in 10 years.

Since then it has not only developed further in numerical strength but the high proportion of literates it contains is enabling it to exercise influence far beyond that to which mere counting of heads might seem to entitle it.

Valuable New Book

Evidence of this is to be seen in a well-informed volume on India's future now published by one of its members. The writer is Mr. J. Chinnai Durai, a highly cultivated barrister of the Middle Temple in England. Its title is "The Choice Before India." (Jonathan Cape, London.)

This volume gives an inside account of the present situation in India throwing new light on the political problems involved and in indicating that forces of good sense and moderation are growing up which may quite conceivably before long fundamentally change the entire political balance.

Mr. Durai contends that the scale has begun to incline already away from Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and the India National Congress Party which these leaders control and towards a group of parties of more moderate opinion, including Non-Congress Hindus and Indian Christians.

These "moderates," he claims, represent by themselves a much larger body of Indian public opinion than does the Congress Party. If they can succeed, therefore, in joining hands with the main organisations of the 70,000,000 non-Congress Indian Moslems, they should constitute a combination strong enough to transform the whole present political makeup of India.

They have hitherto, he holds, failed to do this only because of the superior political machinery that the Congress has got together.

So powerful has this Congress Party machinery become that even those who are quite out of sympathy with Congress views often hesitate to speak out in public, although the next elections are likely to show a notable swing-over in voting strength in the legislative bodies.

The main split is over two points. One concerns appreciation of the need for India to throw in its lot wholeheartedly with Britain against the dictator countries. The other has to do with the ending of that Hindu-Moslem friction which now holds up all constitutional advance.

The great mass of educated Indians, Mr. Durai points out, realise that the full independence which Congress demands would leave India at the mercy of those who would destroy all prospect of its obtaining autonomy. On the other hand, they know that Indian party disagreement is all that prevents India's obtaining complete self-government within the British Empire.

A Compromise Plan

Signs of the new movement are seen in a recent meeting of Indian Liberals and Moderates in Bombay. This meeting favoured partial adoption of a compromise plan already proposed by Lord Linlithgow, the British Viceroy. Under this scheme representative Indians would be admitted to the Executive Council at Delhi. It is true that this goes only a small part of the way towards acceptance of the British plan.

This is because the meeting added a rider to the effect that India should be admitted to "Dominion Status," that is, self-government within the Empire within a stated time.

It thus sets aside a requirement of the British Government, namely, that grant of Dominion status must depend upon co-operation with one another in the working of such an arrangement on the part of the chief Indian political parties.

The British hold that without such cooperation Indian self-government would be a disastrous farce. And this view is shared by many far-seeing Indians.

The fact, nevertheless, is a hopeful one that there is at last a real movement in India towards the ending of the deadlock hitherto prevailing there; also that in this movement the Indian Christian community is playing an important part.

NETHERLANDS TESTAMENT OF FREEDOM

In readiness for next Saturday's anniversary of the German invasion of Holland, a Testament of Freedom has been handed to every Dutch subject in Britain and sent by air to scores of thousands of their compatriots abroad.

The Testament urges all who receive it never to forget what the Netherlands have suffered.

It affirms the common realisation that the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a world empire of 80 million inhabitants and promises they will strive in constant cooperation with those who guarantee peace, freedom and safety in the world.

A great tribute is paid to Queen Wilhelmina for her striking example of inflexibility of strength. — Reuter.

BILL TO REQUISITION SHIPS PASSED

The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate, legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defence.

The legislation would apply to 83 foreign ships including two German and 28 Italian.

It is to expire in June, 1942. The Maritime Commission is to be given authority to purchase or charter foreign-owned ships.

Meanwhile, reconditioning of 28 Axis ships in custody continues apace. — Reuter.

HEART OF OAK

During a night raid a bomb dropped a few feet from an English oak tree, planted at a south coast local Coronation sports ground in commemoration of the crowning of the present King and Queen.

The tree was not moved.

WAR EATING NAZI MILLIONS

Germany's war effort is costing her seventy-two per cent. of her national income, according to "Foreign Commerce Weekly" published by the U.S. Commerce Department. — Reuter.

CREWS TELL OF U-BOAT AMBUSH

Fifty survivors from two British cargo ships have been landed at an Eastern Canadian port.

They say their ships were sunk within two hours of each other by four U-boats lying in wait in the Atlantic.

The two captains and twenty-nine other members of the crews are missing. All the survivors are British.

MASS OF FRANCE RESENTS DARLAN

"French workers, like the great mass of the French public, inwardly reject the policy rapprochement with Germany although some Trade Union leaders support Laval," states the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht" describing conditions in France.

The fact that on almost every street-corner the De Gaulle sign (a big V surrounding the Cross of Lorraine) is scrawled on houses, speaks for itself as does the habitual disinclination of the people to telephone at midday or during the evening in order not to disturb listeners to British broadcasts in French.

The Germans buy up a far greater part of foods arriving at Marseilles. The goods are carried northwards in German railway waggons which are visible to everyone.

Ill-Feeling

Marseilles dislikes the spectacle of German waggons bringing coal for German steamers operating under the German flag in coastal traffic in French territorial waters chiefly between Marseilles and Barcelona.

Ill-feeling is still much more marked in occupied France than elsewhere.

Reliable testimony from two different towns in Northern France confirms American press reports that the population greets jubilantly visits of R.A.F. planes despite the suffering caused by the bombardments. — Reuter.

INDIAN A BRITISH OFFICER

Private Khurshed Kaikhosru La. kaka, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, is gazetted to the Wiltshire Regiment as a second lieutenant. It was announced in the "London Gazette."

Lieutenant K. K. Lalkaka is the first Parsee to win a commission in the British Army. He is a member of the family of Tata, owners of the biggest steel works in India.

CIGARS FOR PREMIER

A cabinet containing 2,400 selected cigars has been presented to the British Minister in Cuba to be sent to Mr. Churchill from Cuban admirers. The cigars were bought from funds raised by public subscriptions limited to 20 cents. — Reuter.

LORD BEAVERBROOK AT PALACE

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East-West part score 90

♠ K	♥ Q 10 6 3 2	♦ 10 9 8	♣ 10 9 5 4
♠ 9 7 4 3	♥ 7 4	♦ A K 7 3	♣ A K Q
♠ N	♥ W	♦ E	♣ S
♠ 10 8 6 5 2	♥ A K	♦ 8 4 2	♣ J 8 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dbl.
Rdbl.	Pass	1NT	2♣
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of clubs, then switched to a heart. South won and led a trump, East winning with the Ace. The heart return was taken by South's Ace, and that was the last trick South won!

She led a club, and West took the Queen and Ace, following up with two top diamonds and a low diamond. South was now down to trumps only; and, when a heart was led through, made the mistake of ruffing low.

West over-ruffed with the seven of spades and led the last diamond. And East, perceiving the situation, ruffed with the spade Queen and returned another heart.

By this time poor South was sure the spade Jack must be in the West hand. She therefore ruffed with the eight of spades, and West won with the spades nine. East's Jack of Spades won the last trick, and South was down to six tricks!

The moral is so clear that we hate to point it out for fear of laying it on too thick: A player who persists in fighting for part scores with a bad hand must expect to get into trouble occasionally.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 3	♥ A 10	♦ A Q 10 9 7	♣ J 7 2
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The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one diamond. This is a perfectly sound opening bid, and there is no excuse for passing the hand or for choosing any other bid.

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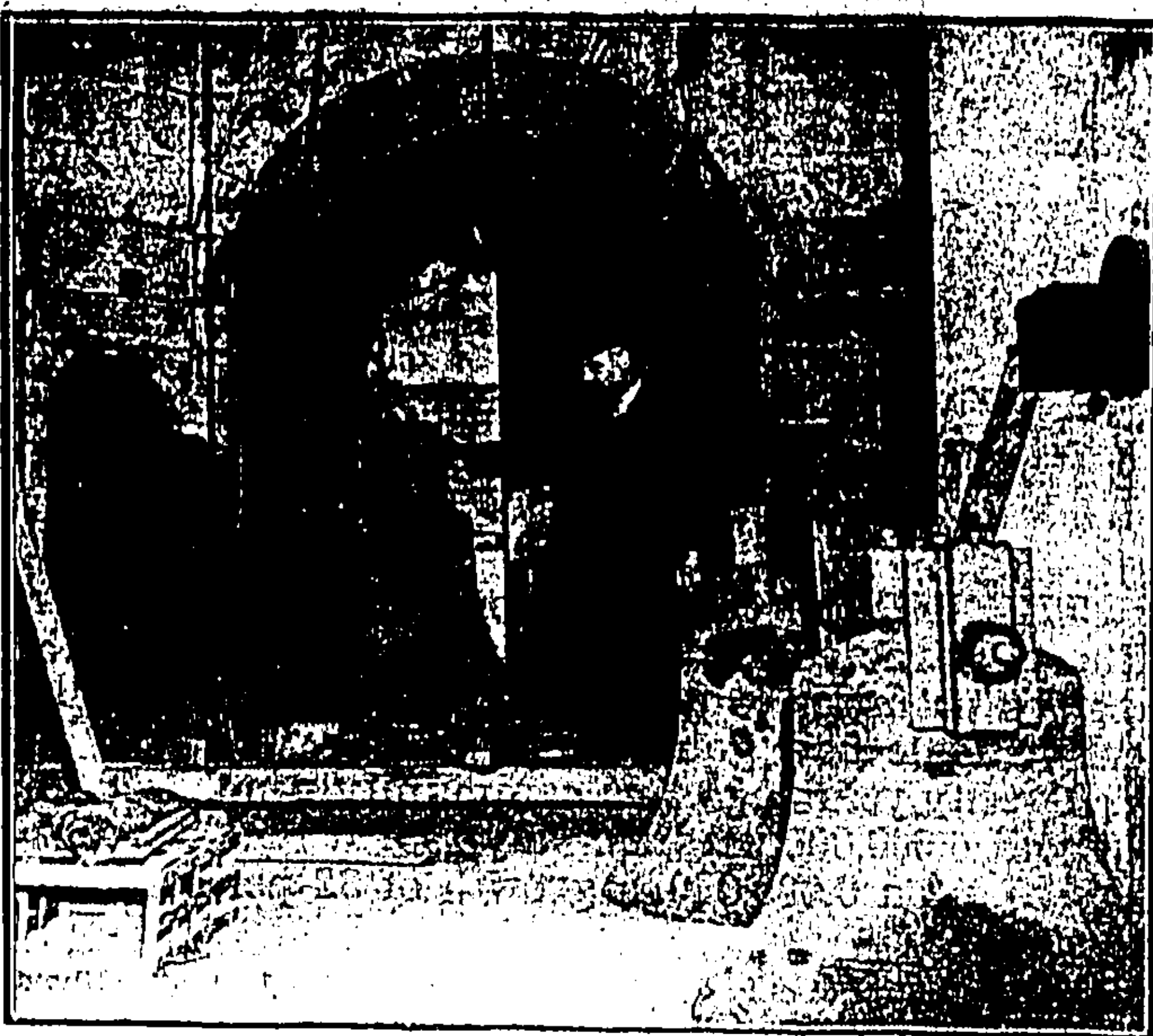
Question No. 710

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♣	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

(Continued from Page 6)

almost unanimous vote of our Congress. We have opened up our yards and docks for the repair of British men-of-war and merchantmen. We have assumed protection of Greenland. We have removed restrictions on American newspapers sailing to zones where fighting is over, so that we might relieve Britain of the burden of supplying the armies fighting in that theatre.

We have gone a long way and all of it with the support of an overwhelming public opinion. Incidentally, the latest test of public opinion discloses the American nation to be approximately 70 per cent for aid to Britain even at the risk of war. Having gone thus far, we cannot back down. There is no retracing our steps. We have committed ourselves in this world struggle. If we should attempt to back down now, England would go down to catastrophic defeat and we would face a world-wide victorious Germany and her allies whom we should have to fight alone.

Can Only Go On

We have declared that the aggressor nations must not be permitted to win. We have irrevocably committed ourselves to see that that is prevented. We have put all of our resources into the scales to bring defeat to those who would rule the world by force.

We have acknowledged that our destiny just as much as the destiny of the British Empire and the ultimate destiny of the conquered peoples of the Low Countries, of Scandinavia, of France and of the Balkans are at stake.

Having gone thus far, we can only go on.

Hitler cannot allow our war supplies and food to reach England—he will be defeated if they do. We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic—we shall be beaten if they do. We must make our promise good to give aid to Britain. We must see the job through. All of this is needed for our own safety and our future security. This is our fight. The American people have recognised the catastrophic quality of a totalitarian victory, and, by overwhelming majority, they have endorsed every step along the progress we have made to our present posture.

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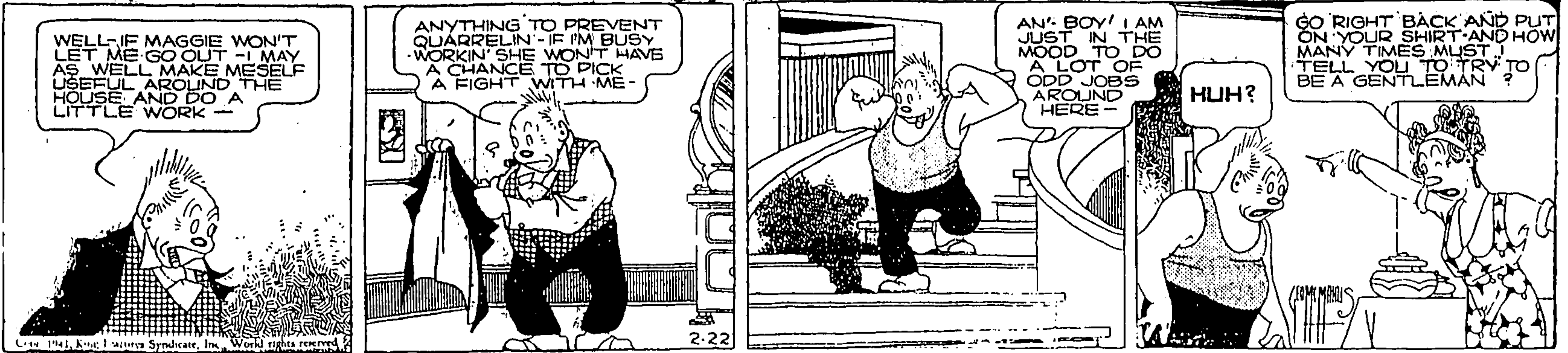
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bride's Groomed Beauty

A girl should look her loveliest on her bridal day. Every detail of grooming must be attended to so that her lovely gown and exquisite jewels may have the background of beauty they so richly deserve.

Fashion now decrees that a bride may wear a lovely jewel piece say of diamond butterfly orchids on her veil instead of the orthodox wreath of flowers. Such a piece may be the wedding gift of the groom to his bride, to harmonise with the cherished jewels on her third finger, left hand. This new custom makes it more important than ever for the bride to be her most exquisite she should be a jewel adorned with jewels.

For weeks before the wedding day hair, hands and face must be pampered. Skin must be soft and free of blemishes, hair must glisten from hours of care, and hands should boast long, shapely nails and skin smooth as velvet.

Advice To Bride

Nails cannot grow long and tapering overnight—it takes at least two weeks. Every day push the cuticle back with an orange stick, pinch the tops of your fingers into shape whenever you think to do it. Keep your cuticle and nails well lubricated each night with oil, and massage your hands with cream. File with an emery board only enough of the nail to shape it. Let it grow long so a professional manicurist will have something to work on the day before the wedding!

Yes, of course, you should have your manicure and your hair cut the day before the wedding. If you plan to have a facial, and can arrange to have it in your home, that may be given you on your wedding day—at least two hours before the ceremony.

Your make-up, as good taste demands, should be soft. One of the opaque rose or shell shades for your fingernails—that is if you are wearing the customary white wedding gown—and carefully selected powder, rouge and lipstick. Go to a salon or cosmetic counter



This lovely bride is wearing a diamond spray of flowers on her veil which dramatizes her rare beauty. Her nicely shaped hands, meticulously groomed hold two roses tucked between the pages of her prayer book and her third finger, left hand boasts a wedding ring of baguette diamonds and a square-cut solitaire.

the week before your wedding day, select your new make-up in broad daylight and then experiment with it once or twice. If you are wearing jewels (and we hope you are lucky enough to be wearing them) you may be aided by that new selection of make-up which a leading beautician blended especially to harmonise with the beauty of jewels. A soft rose in this group is beautifully natural and most flattering to most fresh skins. Remember too, your perfume. Even if you can afford only enough for the one occasion, do get yourself a lovely, lovely fragrance. Spray it on your veil, inside your gloves and inside the hem of your gown as well as about your face. I'll bet the groom will never forget that lovely aroma as long as he lives!

Keep Hands Lovely



"Please come to my wedding," this happy girl writes, and glances often at her beautiful engagement ring nicely set off by a lovely hand.

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The girl who does not keep her hands looking lovely during her engagement, is not being very appreciative of the gift her groom-to-be presented. How he must feel to see his ring on a hand which cries for grooming. And how others criticise her negligence and indifference to his affection.

With May here, can your engagement be far behind? You know what spring does to man—it gives him a yearning to get a wife and feather a nest. If you want your dream prince to pop the question you might try luring him with hands which are beautifully soft and carefully attended—a perfect background for a lovely ring, and mighty nice to hold!

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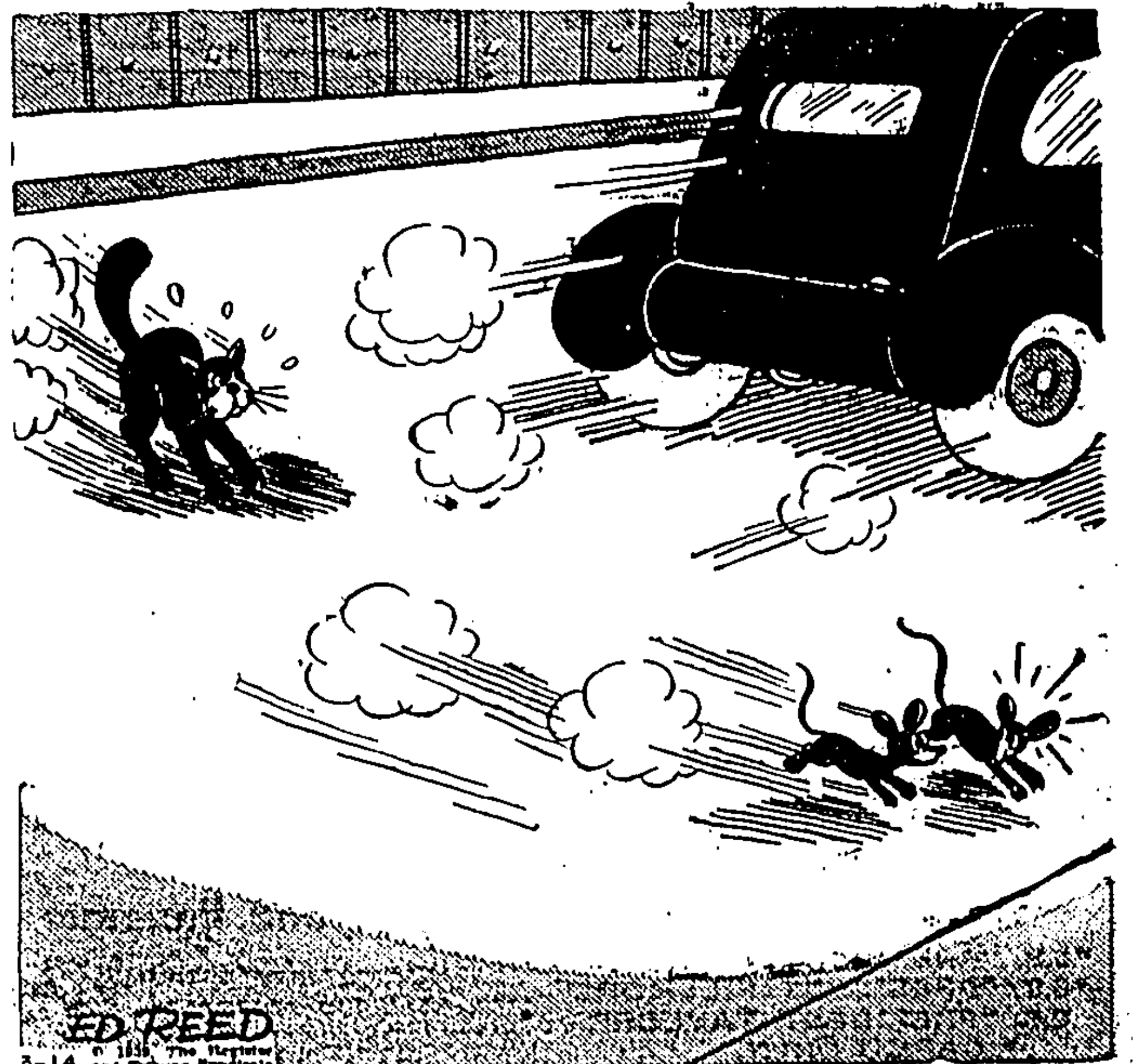
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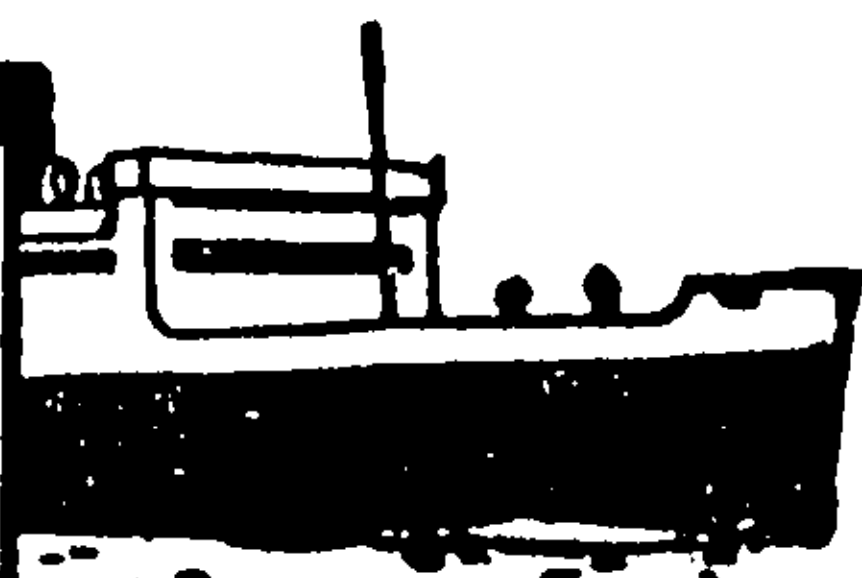
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Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel; Dere's a Man Goin' Roun' Takin' Names; Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano; I've Been Buked; Gwina Lay Down My Life; Go Down, Moses; Edan Thomas (Soprano) with Piano; Goin' To Ride Up In De Charlot (arr. Brown); Ev'ry Time I Feel De Spirit (arr. Brown); Paul Robeson & Lawrence Brown with Piano.

1.16 p.m.—The Bohemians' Orchestra.

A Day in Tyrol (Romer & Faun); Swing Me Up Higher (Mackeben); Daddy Long Legs (Wright); Summer Breezes (King).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Ruddigore"—I Know A Youth... George Baker & Muriel Dickson; From The Briny Sea... Chorus of Girls; I Shipped, D'Ye See... Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls; Hornpipe... Symphony Orchestra; Madrigal—When The Buds Are Blossoming... Muriel Dickson, Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham, Stuart Robertson and Mixed Chorus; Hold, Bride and Bridegroom... Sydney Granville & Full Company.

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Gypsy Tears; Quick-Step—Chopsticks... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Who?; Romping... Frankie Newton & his Orchestra; Tango—Black Childs... Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Maybe It's the Spring; Watching the Stars... Ambrose & his Orchestra; Quick-Step—Angels Never Leave Heaven; Waltz—Waltz of My Heart... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre.

(Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire London.)

7.50 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs—Selection; Sailing Along—Selection; Silpova (Bargy & Straight).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Brahms—"Tragic" Overture.

Op. 81. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

Variations in F Minor... Clara Haskill (Piano).

Symphony No. 32 in G Major "Oxford"—1st Mov.; Adagio—Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov.; Adagio; 3rd Mov.; Menuetto (Allegretto & Trio); 4th Mov.; Presto... Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire cond. by Bruno Walter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde & Tino Rossi (Tenor).

A Night on the Waves (Finnish Waltz) (Koskimaa); Electric Girl (Helmburg—Holmes) ... The Orchestre Raymonde. Aux Iles d'Amour—Tango Chante (film "Lumieres de Paris")... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Gounod in Vienna (arr. Walter)... Orchestre Raymonde. Au Bal de l'Amour—Chante; Voici Paris—Marche Chante (both from film "Lumieres de Paris")... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamothe); Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Lincke) ... Orchestre Raymonde.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Guitar Solos by Len Fillis.

The World is Waiting for the Sunrise (Seltz); Three Little Words (Ruby) ... with Piano.

When the Leaves Bid the Trees Good-bye (Lawnhurst)... with his Hawaiian Orchestra.

Mood Ruby (Fillis); Dipsomania (Fillis).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Musketiers Melodies No. 1—Intro.; Dinner at Eight; Goodnight Little Girl of My Dreams; Don't Blame Me; I've Found the Right Girl; Trouble in Paradise; Yvonne; The Last Round Up... The Four Musketeers with Piano.

Vocal—A Sweet Irish Sweetheart of Mine (Tinturin & Lawrence)... Phil Regan with Orchestra.

Three Planos—Boogie Woogie Prayer (Ammons & others)... Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



The Ministry of Home Security has announced that a new anti-gas respirator will shortly be issued to persons who are unable to wear any ordinary type of gas mask. Photo shows the new anti-gas helmet. (Copyright, Fox).

BLACK-OUT HID FIRE--7 DIED

(By A Special Correspondent)

WEARING ONLY A SATIN nightdress, a young woman doctor climbed from her bedroom to the roof of a blazing building and down a ladder to the ground, where she tended trapped and injured victims.

She is Doctor Elizabeth Frances Clark, who was staying at the Surrey Hills Hotel, Caterham, which was burnt out.

Seven people died in the fire, which was hidden by the hotel black-out until it had gained a stronghold.

The doctor was simply wonderful," the superintendent of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade told me. "In her nightdress she climbed to the roof of the building, after getting through her window and down a ladder.

"An officer, whose men were helping to rescue some of the victims, lent her his overcoat, and like that she stood giving injured people morphia injections."

Dr. Clark also went into the building and through the flames to try rescue some of the guests, of whom there were thirty or forty in the hotel at the time.

"She had always been most particular to keep a record of the people there," the superintendent told me. "She made a point of knowing who was in which room in case of trouble in a blitz."

Another heroine of this fire was a pretty auburn-haired waitress, Miss Lillian Brady.

"A terrible crackling noise woke me," she said. "I realised the place was ablaze, and jumped out of bed and ran around knocking people up. When it got too hot, I climbed out of a downstairs window."

The proprietress of the hotel, Mrs. Doris Ponting, lost her life in the fire. She escaped when the alarm was first given, but

mons.
Vocal—Outside of Paradise (Tinturin & Lawrence)... Phil Regan with Orchestra.

Three Planos—Boogie Woogie Prayer, Part 2 (Ammons & others)... Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons.

Humorous—Pets (Frankau & others); Winter Sports (Frankau & others); Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano.

Vocal—This Year's Kisses: Slumming on Park Avenue (both from film "On the Avenue")... Alice Faye with Orchestra.

Vocal—Take Me Away From the River (Parker)... The Four Musketeers with Piano.

Piano Duet—Piano-Time Melodies No. 1—Intro.; China Boy; You're in Kentucky; Sure as You're Born; Shell of Araby; Japanese Sandman; Bye Bye Blues; Who's Sorry Now... Baldwin & Howard with String Bass and Drums.

Humorous—Scientifically, Of Course (Crick & others); If You Pretend You're Blue (Crick & others); Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

insisted on going back to help with the rescue work.

"The honeymoon couple" they called Mr. and Mrs. John Charlesworth, two of the victims.

John was a bachelor aged eighty-seven and Marjorie, middle-aged pharmacist at Caterham L.C.C. Hospital, was his first love. They met at the Surrey Hills Hotel, married from there last October, spent their honeymoon there.

Another woman guest, Miss Mordaunt, lost her father, a Lewisham solicitor, in the blaze. They had been bombed out of their own home.

A young A.F.S. man, Mr. W. E. McArthur, of Wanstead, who was staying at the hotel, died in trying to rescue others.

Other victims were Mr. Edmund Lewish Levy, and Miss Anna Laura Druce, of Cromwell Avenue, London, N.

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Y'S MEN'S CLUB

In place of the usual weekly luncheon, the Y's Men's Club will celebrate its Ninth Anniversary with a dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden this evening at 8 p.m.

The Hong Kong Y's Men's Club was organised by Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee and held its first meeting on May 5, 1932. During the past nine years, the Club has interested itself in numerous activities for social betterment. For a number of years, it maintained the Y's Men's Free Night School on Queen's Road West near the No. 7 Police Station. It is now supporting the Y's Men's Boys' Club, the members of which are news boys, boot-blacks and underprivileged boys, 120 in number, who are taught simple Chinese and English, hygiene, good behaviour and the proper use of leisure.

This year's officers are Mr. Ho Shiu-que, President; K. S. Fung and Wong Kwok-fong, Vice-Presidents; Mr. Li Sui-wing Treasurer and Arthur V. Wong, Hon. Secretary. Mr. C. P. Wong is Governor of the South China District with jurisdiction over the Y's Men's Clubs in Hong Kong, Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Cebu (Philippine Islands), Colombo, and Singapore, and Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee is Regional Director Emeritus for China.



A large scale exercise took place recently in the Southern Command when the troops carried out various exercises under war conditions. Picture shows troops splashing through flood waters with a section of a pontoon bridge. (Copyright, Fox).

STIMSON LIVENS STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly firm, sentiment being encouraged by Mr. Stimson's speech. Gilt-edged securities resumed the upward movement and small gains were also recorded among leading industrial, especially building shares. Home rails were dull and oils fully steady, with Burmah oil 46s. 3d. against 44s. 4d. Kaffirs were firmly held and were occasionally higher on Cape support. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

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But, at the age of sixty-three, she is still wearing her engagement ring. Her fiancé died in 1913 after they had arranged to marry.

Showing me her engagement ring, which she has recently had remodelled in modern style, she said:

"I first came here when I was thirteen, and have worked under three generations of my employers. I am now cashier and book-keeper."

"I have seen all the fashions in wedding and engagement rings during the past fifty years. Some

of the rings I have sold for gipsy weddings have weighed just under 2oz.

Wings On Rings

"Heart-shaped wedding rings were once the rage, and to-day engagement rings are being inset with R.A.F. wings and Army badges."

"Many now prefer white gold to the yellow gold. My firm remodelled my engagement ring, recoloring it to white gold and resetting the stones for me."

"I have helped in making rings for royalty."

"Men are very fussy about their signet rings. Only yesterday a man came in and asked for his ring to be recoloured in white gold to match his wife's wedding ring."

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LAST DAY'S SALES
118 Hotels @ \$2.80
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500 Ropes @ \$6.10

SLEIGH CHAMPION JOINS UP

The world's champion long-distance dog-sleigh driver has left his huskies to learn to fly a long-distance bomber.

Leland, Abbott, who made the longest dog-sleigh trip on record when he drove his seven dogs from the Canadian Arctic to New York, 3,800 miles, in September, 1938, to attend the New York World's Fair, has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He has sacrificed a £10 a week touring job in the United States and sold his huskies.

"I felt I had to come back to do my bit," he said.

NO LARGE HELPINGS!

"Not as an order, but as a request," the Ministry of Food is asking catering associations not to serve large grills or large portions of meat, poultry or game.

Many restaurants have already cut out grills.



George J. Hecht, president and publisher of THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, presents to Frank Lloyd producer-director of Columbia's "The Howards of Virginia" the award given the picture as the outstanding family audience production of the month!

"THE HOWARDS OF VIRGINIA"

Starring Cary Grant and Martha Scott, from Elizabeth Page's sensational best-seller "The Tree of Liberty" was directed by Frank Lloyd, three-time Academy Award Winner, and director of such outstanding screen hits as "Mutiny on the Bounty", "Cavalcade", "Under Two Flags", & "If I Were King", and you will want to see this picture opening tomorrow at the

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SINGLES FINAL DRAWN: FOUR SETS ARE SHARED

Tsui Wai-pui Should Have Won In Four Sets Yan-pui Starts Well But Is Overshadowed

By "Adrem"

DISAPPOINTING IN THAT THE BROTHERS WERE UNABLE TO STRIKE FORM AT THE SAME PERIODS AND CONSEQUENTLY RALLIES WERE GENERALLY SHORT, THE FINAL OF THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP, PLAYED BEFORE A SURPRISINGLY SMALL CROWD AT HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, WAS LEFT UNFINISHED AT 6.30 WITH FOUR SETS SHARED.

The scores, Yan-pui's given first, were 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 4-6. The match will be replayed.

Wai-pui early on gave the impression that he would be unable to stroke any better than he did in the semi-final against S. A. Rumjahn. His forehand drive simply would not work and his service, although he resorted a great deal to the heavily sliced variety that stands up and looks at the receiver, was pie to his brother.

A the match progressed, however, so did the former champion's game improve and in the last two sets, although he was making far more errors than he used to, he was confidence personified, particularly so when driven into losing positions. His passing shots on both wings were well-timed and extremely well-placed, and Yan-pui, on the occasions that he took the net, was made to look very second rate.

An Enigma

I spent a long time trying to analyse Wai-pui's game but I still find it difficult to understand. On the run of play from the middle of the second set onward, he should have won in four sets.

When in the most critical situations, however, he still continued to show a supreme indifference to the value of a point or game and I couldn't help thinking at times that he was governed to a certain extent by brotherly love.

Towards the end his service was better than his brother's. He occasionally crashed in a winner and his second service got up so far and so sharply that Yan-pui had great difficulty in controlling any attempt to attack it. His courtcraft throughout was better than his younger brother's, the latter being consistently caught on the wrong foot.

In the first set Yan-pui played some of the finest tennis seen in the Colony for a long time. At one stage he could do nothing wrong. Taking the ball on the rise, he was sending over unreturnable drives that raised chalk from the sidelines and were rarely shorter than a couple of feet from the baseline. In all departments he was supreme. His service was deadly and I have seldom if ever seen Wai-pui ace so frequently.

Later he fell away badly, losing all control of his forehand and inevitably bungling anything on the volley. Also he appeared to be far more exhausted than his brother and on numerous occasions left balls that he could have got to with but little effort.

After the whirlwind opening, the match was unquestionably disappointing and I cannot see a very big crowd paying a further \$2 to enter the Stand for the replay.

The Play

Although nine games were played in the first set, it did not occupy more than 18 minutes. Yan-pui was away to a 5-1 lead in very quick time and although Wai-pui was able to stop the rot to some extent, and capture three games, the younger brother was undoubtedly good value for his win.

In the second set Yan-pui again got away quickly. Leading 3-1 he was 40-15 on service but allowed the opportunity of securing a commanding lead to slip out of his grasp and Wai-pui, who by this time was full of confidence, won the set at the 10th game.

In the third set, Wai-pui lost the first two games but easily made up the deficit and went on to lead 5-4. Much to everyone's

surprise, on the run of play, Yan-pui won the set.

In the final set Yan-pui was pathetic and most of his points were won on his brother's mistakes. The less said about it the better.

ARMY TENNIS

The 24th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, beat 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by two points to one in a "B" Division Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Capt. Simons and L/Bdr. Denton (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Chalchrope and Bdr. Gill, 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

Sgt. Warder and Br. Pidgeon (24th R.A.) beat Major Templer and Bdr. Casey, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Sgt. Lyons and L/Bdr. Hamman (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Maynard and Gnr. Marshall, 5-7, 6-8, 6-0.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT ROYALS

Had Royal Scots taken advantage of a few of the many scoring opportunities they had, particularly in the second half, they would have beaten South China comfortably in the friendly game at Caroline Hill yesterday.

As it was South China won by 3 goals to 1 after Royal Scots had opened the scoring. All the goals were scored in the first half.

Hossack was seen on the left-wing and he showed good ball control but was very weak in his shooting. Auld, in the centre forward berth was slow and missed several chances.

Parnaby was the mainstay in the intermediate-line and marked Lee Wai-tong well. Bankier again gave a good display while Fraser and Naysmith were as safe as usual.

South China included several Eastern players in the team. Hsu King-seng was seen at left-half and played a hard game.

Royal Scots took the lead through Auld but Lau Chung-sang equalised shortly after. South China took the lead when a defender deflected a free kick taken by Lee Wai-tong and shortly after Lee Wai-tong increased the lead with a good shot from close in.

In the second period, Royals had more of the play but in spite of good approach work their finishing was weak and they could not score.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwong-nan, Tse, Kam-hung and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Hin-choi, Lam Tak-po and Hsu King-sing; Chung Yung-sang, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, and Lee Shek-yau.
ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby and Marshall; James, Balle, Auld, Munro and Hossack.

INTER-HONG SWIMMING

The programme of the first inter-Hong swimming gala of the season to be held at the European Y.M.C.A. on June 11 was arranged yesterday. Mr. C. F. Hyde was in the chair and was supported by Mr. E. W. Railton (Secretary), Mr. Stewart (Butterfield and Swire), Miss S. Baskett (A.P.C.), Mr. W. Forsyth (Kowloon Dock), Mr. F. M. Thompson (Hong Kong Bank), and Mr. G. Arnold (Standard Oil). Messrs. A. F. May and R. Goldman (Y.M.C.A.).

Entries will close on May 20. Messrs. Thompson and L. A. Benn (Dodwell's) will be responsible for collecting the Hong Kong teams and Mr. Forsyth the Kowloon entries.

V.R.C. MEETING

The Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, was re-elected Chairman for the fifth successive year at the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday. The following committee was elected:—Messrs. D. Lyon, A. A.

SINGLES FINAL TO CONTINUE

A rather unexpected decision has been arrived at by the Hong Kong Cricket Club authorities with regard to the unfinished Colony singles final. The final set will now be played this afternoon following the Final of the Club championship, which starts at 4.45.

ROSE FIANA GOES LAME

By "Rapiet"

Rose Fiana belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, which has been entered for the second section of the West River Handicap to be run on Saturday, taken out by a Chinese riding boy this morning for exercise, was found to be lame. The riding boy dismounted and the pony was led back to the stables by a mafoo.

Noronha, S. A. Rumjahn, M. B. Gutierrez, W. L. Clark, F. M. Castro, A. O. Barretto, J. H. Lawrence, D. Ribeiro, L. M. Remedios (Hon. Treasurer), L. Roza-Pereira (Hon. Secretary).

THOROUGHBRED RAISING INDUSTRY ON UPGRADE IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA'S THOROUGHBRED breeding industry has made rapid strides since pari-mutuels were legalised there. It is now the fastest growing in the world, writes a correspondent.

Stallions of immense importance have joined the galaxy of producers now assembled in the far west. Beau Pere, peer of Australian stallions, recently arrived to serve as chief stud for Louis B. Mayer at Deep Cliffe.

Seabiscuit, leading money winner of all time and a paladin among horses, and Kayak II, the Argentine in temporary semi-retirement, hold court at Willets.

The advent of Australian and Argentine blood is something Kentucky cannot duplicate at the moment.

English War Refugees

Widely different blood lines are represented.

Scores of beautifully bred foreign mares, most of them English war refugees, have been imported. Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, Charles S. Howard, Walter T. Wells and Neil McCarthy acquired stellar lasses within the last six months. Recently a boatload of Australian mares unloaded at San Pedro for Mayer to be mated to Beau Pere.

Known producers—a few from Kentucky and Virginia—have been quietly switched to California. Alfred the Great, son of Teddy and a fine French stake horse, was brought to the coast by Raoul Walsh, who also has Grand Manitou, scion of a powerful French family, at his rancho in Mendocino county.

Producers Switched

Firozapore, from the Aga Khan's world famous harem, is located at Walter Wells' Rancho, Oro Primo, near San Fernando. Firozapore won in England. Mrs. Firozapore had phenomenal speed.

Vanderbilt Phelps has Cynic, a powerfully bred Britisher, at Carmel.

Cynic, by Captain Cuttle, bagged the Epsom Derby. Sierra Nevada, a Gainsborough British stake horse, is on duty at the Neil McCarthy place, near Los Angeles. Ligaroti, Don Milke and Ra II, first-class Argentines, Bng Crosby's, are at Rancho Santa Fe. Sunsporo is a Sun Briar to Ham Cotton's haras.

Derby Winners

Top Row dwells at Newhall. Dress Parade, son of Man o' War, is at Walter Hoffman's Rancho Casitas, Hollywood, kingpin as a juvenile, is at Cupertino for D. J. Davis, who owned the late Phalaris. Lap. Gay World, a muddy track Texan, serves for H. C. Hill, who bred Sweepida in his back yard in Stockton. Roman Soldier, by Cohort, is a solid stake horse standing in California.

Such blood as that of Phalaris, Son In Law, Gainsborough, Teddy Massias, Congreve and Ruston Pasha ought surely to accomplish wonders.

California assignments may soon again be shipped in trainloads as the Golden State threatens to regain from Kentucky the position it once held as the principal centre of thoroughbred breeding.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v C.C.C.)
J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip).

Third Division (v I.R.C.)
E. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, B. A. Mansell and J. Russell (Skip).
B. J. Bickford, F. Flippance, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).
E. Casey, A. G. Gratton, V. H. Freeman and P. Morgan (Skip).

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v P.R.C., Away)
M. E. Purvis, T. Seddon, V. S. Ebbage and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellatly, E. Kinnon, H. F. Harper and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hemsey and J. F. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves: A. F. Shephard and M. Scott.

K.B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v K.B.G.C., "B" Home)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sheriff (Skip).
First Division "B" (v K.B.G.C., "A" Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip).
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, D. W. Waterton and J. McKelvie (Skip).
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

P.R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service Cricket Club Home)
G. Perkins, F. Nolan, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip).
A. Soutar, H. Brown, W. McHardy and W. Mair (Skip).
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
Reserves:—Smith, C. Wilcox and A. McKenzie.

Third Division (v Club De Recrio Away)
C. Gough, J. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).
J. Hayward, C. Pile, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).
A. Howell, G. Davis, J. Riddell and J. McDonald (Skip).
Reserves:—G. Alexander, G. Davis and D. Taylor.

K.F.C.
Second Division (v Taiook D.R.C. Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and V. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
C. Downman, A. Dand, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v C.C.C. Home)
C. Woodcock, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and B. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
S. E. Cross, B. Thompson, A. MacKintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson and L. Bones.

RICE REJECTED BY U.S. ARMY

On March 23 Gregory Rice, the greatest distance runner ever produced in the United States, ran the fastest two-mile race, indoors or outdoors, ever recorded when in the Chicago Relays indoor track and field meet he set the sensational time of 8:51.1.

A few days later Rice had to appear before the Draft Board for examination prior to possible induction into the Army for a year's training. The board pronounced him physically unfit for military service, and disclosed that he was suffering from a triple hernia. Rice's 8:51.1 bettered the accepted world record of 8:56.2 which he set in 1940. It also bettered his recent 8:53.4 time for which recognition had been asked. The world's outdoor two-mile record is 8:56, set by Miklos Szabo, of Hungary in 1937.—Reuter.

HUGE SUMS MADE BY U.S. RACE CLUBS

New Betting Record Set

SANTA ANITA again made more than \$1,000,000, with a new American betting record--\$705,650 daily for a winter meeting of 51 days, writes an American Correspondent.

Tropical Park will show a profit of \$750,000 for its two sets of dates.

Hialeah had another remarkable run.

Parimutuel handles skyrocketed to new all-time highs as the machines made their first appearance in New York last season.

But this doesn't mean that racing hasn't reached its saturation point in the United States, and that it is no folly to build more tracks, for

It is significant that of the four most recently constructed tracks of any consequence in this country only one has survived.

That is Delaware Park in the tiny state of that name.

An ill-fated trio were the fabulously pretentious \$2,000,000 plant of the Golden Gate Turf Club, across the bay from San Francisco; ultra-modern Gulf-stream Park, near Hollywood, Fla., and North Randall, hard on Cleveland.

Too Many Tracks

While it has been thoroughly demonstrated that there are too many tracks now 40-odd recognised ones in 17 states, and that there are not enough horses to go around, there will be additional ovals in 1942 and there are moves for still more.

In New Jersey a plebiscite has cleared the way for three new strips.

Bills that would legalise wagering on the ponies are before the Pennsylvania and Indiana legislatures.

Influential forces seek to revive the business in Texas, where it has been dead for only a few years.

Fair Grounds reopens in New Orleans next winter.

They are trying to finance the Golden Gate Turf Club and Gulf-stream Park.

12,000 Thoroughbreds

There are about 12,000 thoroughbreds in this country. Only a small share of them are in training during any particular season. The rest are either being rested, are laid up for repairs, retired for breeding purposes or merely downright unworthy of bringing to the races.

Of those in training, the vast majority are cheap selling platers. These fill most programmes.

High-class horses, fit and ready to run, are at a premium.

The dearth of good animals was especially glaring last season even in such an old established racing state as New York, where the purses are always among the highest in the land. Day after day, many events drew four, five, six and seven-horse fields.

Good Horses Weeded

Good horses are the backbone of successful racing.

Without them habitual racegoers stay away from the track in droves. They don't care to play a lot of stumblebums.

STAR ATHLETE RETIRES

Don Lash, for seven years one of America's top-ranking distance runners, has retired from competition to devote all his time to his job as an Indiana State policeman, states a correspondent in the United States.

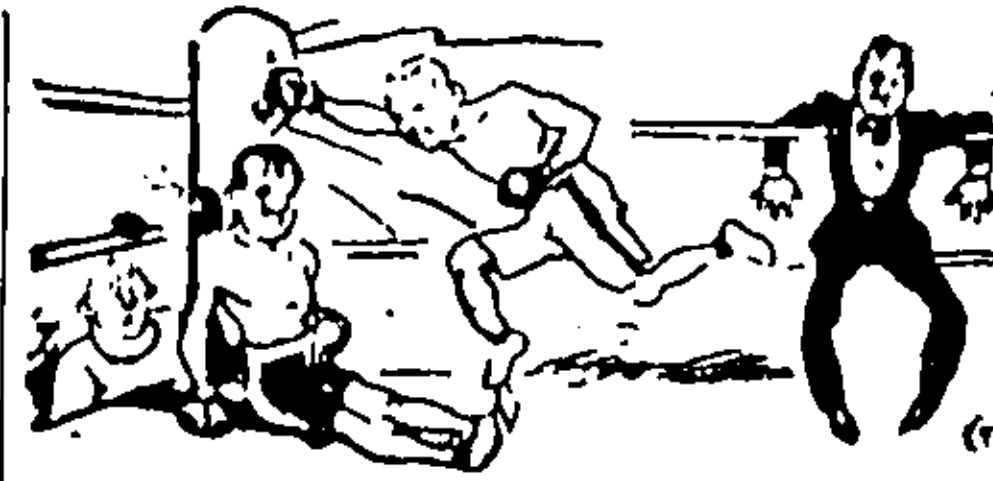
Lash in 1937 ran the two miles in the world record time of 8:58. Gregory Rice established a new world record for the distance on March 23, 1941, with a time of 8:51.1.

Lash was the nation's most consistent cross-country winner, capturing the National A.A.U. Cross-Country title last autumn for the seventh consecutive year.—Reuter.

LOUIS DEFENDS CROWN AGAINST CONN JUNE 18

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced last week that Joe Louis will defend his world's heavyweight title on June 18 against Billy Conn, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who has invaded the heavier class.

The match will be held in the Polo Grounds.



Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max, former world's champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 23, Buddy would fight Conn on June 18 instead of Louis meeting Conn.

It was believed that in the event Louis retains his title in both bouts, Abe Simon would get a crack at the crown in July and Lou Nova would be given a chance to wrest it from "Bomber Joe" in September.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S ARMY SPORTS

AT Shamshulpo to-day the athletic meeting between Combined Middlesex and Rajputs and Royal Artillery will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The following events will be held:

FIELD

Throwing the Javelin.
Throwing the Discus.
Throwing the Hammer.
Ringside Weight.
Pole Vault.
High Jump.
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Night Attack On German Forward Positions

BRISTOL THIS TIME?

German raiders were reported in widespread parts of Britain after dark last night, including over a West of England town.

It is learned that during daylight on Wednesday a total of eight German planes were destroyed. — Reuter.

SERIOUS PRIVATION IN GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hundreds of thousands of hungry and homeless Greek refugees and soldiers and their families are asking "What next?" as the defeated and bewildered kingdom fights another foe — privation.

The suffering in Greece threatens to become worse daily.

The country's borders are shrinking rapidly as its neighbours take further slices.

The overseas wheat supply has been cut off and Yugoslavia,

Sandstorms Hampering Operations

BRITISH TROOPS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED FORWARD POSTS AROUND TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT. THEY INFLECTED CASUALTIES AND TOOK A NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

After failing last week to take Tobruk by assault enemy pressure appears to be easing, it was learned, and dive bombing, which reached a climax between May 1 and May 3, has now slackened.

The enemy is trying to hold a shallow dent in the south-west corner of Tobruk. They are in an uncomfortable position, frequently counter-attacked by British forces and often shelled.

Both sides are suffering from stifling sandstorms which are blowing all along the coast and have made communication and observation difficult.

In the Sollum area, British mechanised forces continue vigorous pa rolling activities.

A British mobile unit which swept round behind Bardia and Capuzzo on May 3 and 4 caused the Germans to send out patrols into the desert far south of Sollum to prevent a repetition of the exploit.

source of vegetable supplies, has gone.

While refugees are trudging into the interior from the border areas, Athens appears normal on the surface. — International News Service.

Junkers' Hazards

The Germans are being supplied to some extent by Junkers 52 troop-carrying planes but many of these have already been destroyed by the Royal Air Force and their journeys are becoming hazardous as reinforcements arrive for the Royal Air Force in the Western Desert.

The R.A.F. raided aerodromes at Benina, Derna, Gazala, Bardia and Berva during Monday night causing fires and explosions while the previous night Calais aerodrome in Rhodes, was successfully raided, causing considerable damage and large fires. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S WAR CABINET

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms on the composition of the War Cabinet, Mr. Churchill said yesterday that there was in fact a War Cabinet of eight.

Five of them had no regular departments and three represented the main general organisms of the state—foreign affairs, finance and labour.

It gave its broad sanctions to the main policy and conduct of the war.

Under their authority the Chiefs of Staff of the three Services sat each day together and he, as Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, presiding, summoning when necessary the three Service Ministers.

Defence Committee

All the larger issues of military policy were brought before the Defence Committee, which, for several months past, consisted of the three Chiefs of Staff, the three service Ministers and four members of the Cabinet—the Prime Minister, Lord Privy Seal, Foreign Secretary and Lord Beaverbrook. — British Wireless.

CLOSING LEAKAGES

By an executive order, President Roosevelt has subjected the transit of goods through the United States to the export license control system.

This action is interpreted as a further step in plugging the leakage of supplies to the Axis or pro-Axis nations and may to some extent restrict the movements of goods from South America to United States ports for transshipment to other countries, including Japan. — Reuter.

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FALL IN SHANGHAI RICE PRICE CONTINUES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The sensational fall in rice prices in Shanghai continues, with quotations declining by \$30 a picul in three days. Quotations are now about \$125 per picul. —International News Service.

Bigger Forces In Iraq

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain has sent more planes and troops into Iraq and the important post of Kirkuk, on the Haifa pipeline, has been captured.

Aided by loyalists, British troops occupied the plateau overlooking Habbaniyah airport, and artillery forced the besiegers to retreat to Felluja, across the Euphrates, with heavy losses.

Troops, presumably carried by plane, occupied the pipeline post after reconnaissance planes had reported the Iraqi garrison to be waving white flags. —International News Service.

ITALIANS ATTACK VICHY!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Rome newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" yesterday accused Vichy of conspiring with the United States and Britain.

The paper charged the existence of a tacit accord for a Free French blockade of Gran and Dakar.

IT CONCLUDES "THE AXIS, AFTER WINNING THE WAR, WILL KNOW HOW TO HANDLE VICHY." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Axis Expecting Entry Into War

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMIRAL WILLIAM V. PRATT, U.S.N., RECENTLY RECALLED TO DUTY, DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT ALL OR PART OF THE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ATLANTIC IN A FORTNIGHT WITHOUT PREPARATION.

Admiral Pratt believes that distribution of the Navy equally between the Pacific and Atlantic may take place.

Asked in Washington yesterday if the U.S. was to close the Panama Canal to Japanese shipping, Col. Knox, Navy Secretary, said, "More backstairs gossip. I do not think there is anything to it."

Gayda's Comment

Commenting on the speech by the U.S. Secretary of War, Colone Henry Stimson, Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece, described the speech as nothing but a preliminary declaration of America's intention of entering the war.

"Final Step"

Despite non-interventionists labelling it "the final step to war," the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed the Ship Seizure Bill after rejecting all restrictions. Speedy Senate concurrence is expected.

The measure authorises the President to requisition 83 Italian, German and Danish ships, totalling 500,000 tons, and to transfer them to Britain. Altogether 130 foreign vessels may eventually be acquired. The House, by 220 votes to 160, rejected a motion to prohibit (Continued on Page 16)

DARLAN SUPS WITH THE DEVIL

An agreement between Admiral Darlan and Abetz, Hitler's representative in Paris, was announced in Vichy yesterday.

The agreement provides for modification of the restrictions of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied France and a reduction in the costs of the German army of occupation.

In regard to occupation costs, it is envisaged that as a first step France's daily payments will be reduced 25 per cent from 400 million to 300 million francs.

OTHER QUESTIONS HAVE STILL TO BE FINALLY THRASHED OUT. —REUTER.

"Permission To Cross" Clause

The agreement provides that the demarcation line between Occupied and Unoccupied France will be open, in general, for the passage of goods and securities.

Persons will be allowed to travel between the two zones in the event of the serious illness or death of a relative.

Free correspondence by plain postcards will be allowed.

Permission to cross the line will be granted to members of the Army and Air Force on the same conditions as already in force for sailors.

According to Paris Radio, Marshal Petain has left his estate near Cannes by special train to meet Admiral Darlan. —Reuter.

DAMASCUS DISORDERS EXAGGERATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Conflicting reports are reaching London that serious trouble has broken out in French Mandated Syria.

A Paris radio broadcast heard in London alleged that the situation in Damascus was growing serious and that demonstrators had stormed the British Consulate wrecking part of the building.

Paris radio alleged that the French authorities were powerless to prevent the demonstrations. London officials, however, state that only a few windows were broken at the Consulate by stones thrown by a few demonstrators. The incident was over in a matter of minutes. — International News Service.

STALIN AFRAID OF NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stalin's assumption of the Premiership marks a change in Soviet policy and the resumption of a new German drive, according to a B.B.C. broadcast yesterday.

The announcer said: "The Soviet rejected the German proposal to join the Axis and signed a pact of friendship with Yugoslavia a few hours before that country was invaded by the Germans."

"Stalin now takes over the Premiership at a time when the German drive to the east threatens what Russia regards as her sphere of activity in Asia." — International News Service.

BRISTOL THIS TIME?

German raiders were reported in widespread parts of Britain after dark last night, including over a West of England town.

It is learned that during daylight on Wednesday a total of eight German planes were destroyed. — Reuter.

SHIPS GETTING THROUGH

The Headquarters of the American Red Cross in London has announced that out of 269 ships on which supplies have been sent to Britain, only eleven have been lost.

The cargoes on those eleven ships, however, amounted to nearly one-tenth of the total supplies sent. — Reuter.



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"IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DILATE AT LENGTH UPON THE SAD AND SQUALID TALE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN VICHY BUT I REALLY DO NOT THINK WE WOULD PROFIT OURSELVES WELL IF WE TARRIED LONG ON THAT PAINFUL SPECTACLE," SAID MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, REPLYING YESTERDAY TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT'S PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

MR. Churchill thanked Mr. Lloyd George for the great restraint with which he spoke about "a country whose relations are so highly valued by us and whose part to play in this great world conflict is of the greatest importance." (Cheers).

Mr. Churchill continued: "There are two points on which I can relieve his feelings and anxieties about Turkey."

The first was about the war vessels which took Greek islands and carried German troops through the Dardanelles. The Turks had no right to stop them.

Mr. Churchill then read the Article of the Convention dealing with the Straits and added, with reference to merchantmen, "I believe one of them might have been used in the occupation of an island but there were other vessels in possession of the Germans and Italians which could equally have been used for that purpose."

"This is a question of interpretation of the treaty and is a matter for Turkey."

Not Helpful

Mr. Churchill referred to a remark by Mr. Lloyd George about the agreement between Turkey and Iraq, and said Mr. Lloyd George was evidently referring to Iran.

"I am happy to be able to relieve Mr. Lloyd George's anxiety. It appears that the arrangement is between Turkey and Persia and relates to measures to strengthen the Turco-Persian border, which we knew all about and which was prepared for some time and now is to be put into force as from April, 1941."

"I do not think Mr. Lloyd George's speech is particularly helpful in a period of what he himself has called discouragement and disheartenment."

"It is not the sort of speech one would have expected from the Great War leader of former days who was accustomed to brush aside despondency and push onward to the distant goal."

"IT IS A SPEECH WITH WHICH I THINK THE ILLUSTRIOUS MARSHAL PETAIN MIGHT WELL HAVE ENLIVENED THE DAYS OF REYNAUD'S CABINET. (LAUGHTER)."

"I am grateful to him for one note he struck, namely that he made it clear we should close our debate by a vote of confidence."

Vote Of Confidence

"Because of the kind of speech we have heard from him I think Government was right to put down a vote of confidence, because after our reverses and disappointments in the field, they have a right to know where they stand with the Commons and where the Commons stands with the country."

"It is still more important for the sake of foreign nations, especially nations balancing their policy at the present time and who should be left in no doubt about the stability of this resolved and obstinate War Government."

"IT IS ESSENTIAL, CONSIDERING THE TREMENDOUS

ISSUES AT STAKE, AND REALLY NOT TO EXAGGERATE THE FRIGHTFUL RISKS WE ARE ALL GOING TO RUN AND WHICH ARE BEING RUN, THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CERTITUDE UPON THESE MATTERS."

The Only Way

"In enemy countries there is the liveliest interest in our proceedings. I flatter myself that high hopes are entertained that all will not go well with His Majesty's present advisers at the present time."

"The only way in which these doubts can be removed, or these expectations discouraged, is by a full debate followed by a division."

"Government is entitled to ask that such a vote shall express itself in unmistakable terms."

"I should be the last to reject even unfair criticism or fair criticism, which is so much more searching, but there is a kind of criticism which is a little irritating."

Switch From Hedge

"When a bystander sees a horse team dragging a heavy waggon uphill and cuts a switch from a hedge and belabours them, he may well be animated by a benevolent purpose and benefit may result from his efforts to get the waggon to the top."

"But it would be a pity if this debate consisted wholly of critical and condemnatory speeches because it would give a distorted impression to important and interested foreign observers, who are not well acquainted with our parliamentary or political affairs. Therefore I ask for a vote of confidence. (Cheers)."

"This is a free Parliament and a free country. We have succeeded in maintaining under unprecedented difficulties and dangers, which in some cases might be mortal, the whole process and reality of Parliamentary institutions. (Cheers)."

Honour Clear

"I am proud of this. It is one of the things we are fighting for. I cannot believe any man would bear the kind of burden which falls upon Government to-day unless he were sustained by the strong and convinced support of the Commons and the nation."

"The only relief I feel is that everything in human power was done by us and that our honour as a nation is clear."

"MR. HORE-BELISHA AND SOME OTHERS HAVE SPOKEN OF THE IMPORTANCE IN WAR OF FULL AND ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE OF THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS. THAT IS ONE OF THE GLIMPSSES OF THE OBVIOUS IN WHICH HIS SPEECH ABOUNDED."

"As far as the German invasion of the Balkans is concerned, we had long and ample forewarning of what was in prospect."

Warned Of Perils

"Our diplomacy has never ceased for a moment to apprise countries of the perils coming on them and to urge common action by which alone could security and safety be attained."

"For weeks we watched the remorseless movements of vast German forces through Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria towards Yugoslavia, until at least 40 divisions, including five armoured divisions, were massed on the scene."

"Hitler has told us it was a crime in such circumstances for us to go to the aid of the Greeks."

"I don't want to enter into arguments with experts (Laughter) but this is the kind of crime of which he is a good judge. (Laughter)."

"It was very natural that the House would not be entirely satisfied with the recent turn of things in the Middle East and that some members should be acutely disappointed we had not been able to defend Greece successfully against the Italian and German armies or that we should have been unable to keep or extend our conquests in Libya."

"For myself, I watched the fate of Greece after her valiant repulse of the Italian invader with agony."

"The only relief I feel is that everything in human power was done by us and that our honour as a nation is clear."

"If anything could add a pang to these emotions it would be the knowledge we had of the impending outrage with so little power to avert from this heroic and famous people a fate so hideous and undeserved."—British Wireless.

The Same Path

"Looking back upon the course of events I can only feel, as the Prime Minister of New Zealand so nobly declared, that if we had again to tread that path, even with the knowledge we possess to-day, I for one would do the same thing again. (Cheers)."

"But, after all, military operations must be judged by the success which attends upon them rather than the sentiments which inspire them, though these may play their part in the verdict of history and in the survival of races."

"It remains to be seen whether the Italian dictator, by invading Greece, and the German dictator, in coming to his rescue, and involving Greece and Yugoslavia in a bloody welter, in fact have gained an advantage or suffered a loss when the full story of this war, is complete, even from the military viewpoint."

No Source Of Strength

"In addition to the whole Balkan people, a number of ancient and independent states which have fallen under the Nazi yoke and have to be held down by brute force or intrigue, may by no means prove a source of strength to the German army."

"This vast machine is now spread from the Arctic to the Aegean and from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. That is no source of strength."

"Turning from the military to the political aspect nothing can more surely debar the Germans from establishing and shaping a new Europe, and one will surely emerge, than the fact that the

German army and the German race have become and are becoming more universally and intensely hated among the peoples of all lands than any enemy or any race."

The Record

"History bears the records. (Cheers). Some have compared Hitler's conquests with Napoleon's. It may be Spain and Russia will shortly furnish a new chapter to that theme."

"IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, THAT NAPOLEON'S ARMIES CARRIED WITH THEM THE FIERCE, LIBERATING, EQUALITARIAN WINDS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, WHEREAS HITLER'S EMPIRE HAS NOTHING BEHIND IT BUT RACIAL SELF-ASSERTION, ESPIONAGE, PILLAGE, CORRUPTION AND THE PRUSSIAN BOOT."

"Napoleon's flashed away, so I derive confidence that the will power of the British nation, expressing itself through the stern, steadfast and unyielding House of Commons, will once again perform its liberating functions and humbly execute its high purpose among men."

Might Of U.S.

"I say this with more confidence because we are no longer a small island lost in the northern mists but around us gather in broad array all the nations of the British Empire."

"Now, from across the Atlantic, the might of the United States Republic proclaims itself on our side or at our side, or at any rate, near our side."

"I do not to-day discuss the large and complicated questions of munitions or food. Probably in secret session the Minister of Supply will make a statement to the House."

"THERE IS ONE SIMPLE POINT ABOUT TANKS, WHICH MR. HORE-BELISHA IN HIS SPEECH MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED, FOR HE WAS HEAD OF THE WAR OFFICE IN THE YEARS PRECEDING THE WAR."

"In the last war, tanks were built to go three or four miles an hour and stand up to rifle or machine-gun bullets. In the interval, mechanical science advanced so much that it is possible to make tanks to go up to 25 miles an hour and stand up to cannon fire."

Hitler Profited

"It is a particular revolution by which Hitler has profited. It was well known in military and technical circles for years before the war."

"It did not spring from German but from British ideas and others like General de Gaulle. It has been exploited and turned to our grievous injury by the non-inventive but highly competent and imitative Germans."

"FOR THE COMFORT OF MR. HORE-BELISHA, LET ME TELL HIM WE ARE MAKING EVERY MONTH NOW AS MANY TANKS AS THERE EXISTED IN THE BRITISH ARMY AT THE TIME HE LEFT THE WAR OFFICE, AND THAT WE SHALL, BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, BE PRODUCING NEARLY DOUBLE THAT. THIS TAKES NO ACCOUNT OF THE IMMENSE PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES."

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms about the composition of the Government, Mr. Churchill declared the Government "works easily and effectively at present and I do not propose to make a further change until further advised."

Negative Principle

"Something has been said of the importance of my being surrounded by people who would stand up to me and say 'No, no, no.'"

"He has no idea how strong the negative principle is in the constitution and working of British war-making machinery. (Laughter)."

"The difficulty is not to have more brake put on the wheel but to get more impetus and force behind it."

"In the business of Libya and Greece, no violence has been done to expert military opinion. All decisions have been taken

unitedly and purely voluntarily in goodwill under the pressure of events."

"I personally, as head of the Government, obviously assumed the responsibility in a most direct personal form."

"IT FOLLOWS THAT I AM THE ONE WHOSE HEAD MAY BE CUT OFF IF WE DO NOT WIN THE WAR — AND I AM VERY READY THAT THIS SHOULD BE SO — AND THAT BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WOULD PROBABLY EXPERIENCE AN EVEN MORE UNPLEASANT FATE AT THE HANDS OF THE TRIUMPHANT HUNS. (LAUGHTER)."

Nile Valley Issues

"There is a tendency in some quarters, especially abroad, to talk about the Middle East as if we could afford to lose our position there and yet carry on the war to victory on the oceans and in the air."

"Stated as an academic strategic fact that may be true but do not let anyone underrate the gravity of the issues being fought for in the Nile Valley."

"Loss of the Nile Valley and the Suez Canal, of our position in the Mediterranean, of Malta, would be among the heaviest blows we could sustain."

"We are determined to fight for them with all the resources of the British Empire and we have every reason to believe we shall be successful."

Half A Million Men

"General Wavell has under his orders at present nearly 500,000 men. A continuous flow of equipment has been in progress from this country during the last 10 months and now that Italian resistance in Abyssinia, Africa and the Somaliland is collapsing, a steady concentration northwards of all these forces is possible."

"Indeed, it has been for many weeks rapidly proceeding, and General Smuts has ordered the splendid South African Army (Cheers) forward to the Mediterranean shore."

"But the warfare of the Western Desert, or any of the deserts which surround Egypt, can only be conducted by comparatively small numbers of highly equipped troops."

"Employment in the desert of large numbers may only lead to disaster. That is what happened to the Italians."

"A total of 180,000 men lay along African soil and once the head of these forces was chopped off it was not physically possible for them to retreat."

El Agheila

"The same thing, with important modifications, may well have happened to us when German armoured forces defeated and largely destroyed our single armoured brigade which was guarding the advanced frontier of the province of Cyrenaica."

"I HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT EL AGHEILA. THE GENERALS WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY TAKING UNDUE RISK IN PERSONAL MOVEMENTS."

"Events are moving so fast and people have so much to do that there is no time to dwell upon the past, but certain broad features will surprise the House."

"The German armoured force was not much larger than our own. Technical mistakes and mischances occurred. With very little fighting our armoured forces became disorganised."

Tobruk Fortress

"Other troops we had in Benghazi only amounted to a division, which by a rapid retreat, gained Tobruk, unmolested, and there gained a large garrison, and with reinforcements, stands there at bay to-day."

"As we now know, the Germans had no expectations of proceeding beyond Agadabia. They meant to engage our armoured troops and create a diversion to prevent the despatch of reinforcements to Greece whilst bringing over larger forces from Italy and Sicily."

"When they won their surprising success, they accepted it with organised audacity and pushed on into the desert, taking (Continued on Page 3.)"

Lloyd George's Speech On War Administration

RESUMPTION OF THE debate on the vote of confidence had been resumed by Mr. Lloyd George with a spirited speech.

He said that with the first part of the resolution (expressing confidence in the Government) everyone agrees but there were parts of the Government's war administration on which there was dissatisfaction and disappointment.

Mr. Lloyd George asked why Mr. Eden, whilst talking about the loyalty of Turkey, withheld the fact that Turkey allowed German ships to pass through the Bosphorus into the Dardanelles to seize the Aegean Islands.

Appealing for more information, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are not an infantile nation to withhold unpleasant facts from. This nation has faced far too many crises and defeats in the past to be frightened by anything that has happened even up to the present."

Stimson Speech

Mr. Lloyd George thanked God for Colonel Stimson's speech which showed that the Americans realised the gravity of the position, but it was important "not to exaggerate what you are going to get or rather how quickly you are going to get it."

In the last war, America put their fleet in the Atlantic while Japan guaranteed the Pacific, but to-day the Americans had got to keep in mind that they are now the sole guardians of the Pacific.

War Council

If America was going to enable us to catch up, and then to overtake Germany, she had got to do infinitely more than any indication he had heard of up to the present.

He urged the Prime Minister to reconsider the whole distribution of manpower and to have a real War Council of three or four men who should have nothing to

do but study problems and give the Prime Minister their mature advice. — Reuter.

Obligation Of Honour

Mr. Lloyd George, whose Commons speeches are now infrequent, admitted there was complete agreement as to the obligation of honour to run every risk to support the valiant Greek army but there had never been a war where diplomacy had counted for so much and he expected from the Foreign Secretary a full and frank statement of Government foreign policy.

Our worst defeats had been defeats in diplomacy. Our greatest triumph had been a diplomatic triumph — the work of the late Lord Lothian.

He had hoped Mr. Eden would have more to say about relations with Turkey, about Spain and about Vichy.

Trouble In Iraq

We had now trouble in Iraq and Libya, the seizure of Greek islands and tremendous havoc amongst our ships.

We also had very dazzling successes. The victory of September was very remarkable, very thrilling, and for the time being, conclusive.

General Wavell's campaign was one of the most brilliant series of successes won by any British general in any long continuous war.

Referring to the Battle of the Atlantic, our position was that we had practically no allies and

ONLY EIGHT OF 205 SHIPS SUNK

"Only eight out of 205 ships that left American ports with supplies for Britain were sunk in the first three months of this year," declared Senator Vandenberg before the U.S. Senate yesterday.

Senator Vandenberg said the Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission gave him these figures. — Reuter.

had to hold the position until there was such a change effected in the reorientation of nations as to enable us to secure victory. Until then our duty was to make Britain and the Empire impregnable and to resist the siege until our opportunity came.

Long War

In this connection he referred to the epoch-making speech of Mr. Stimson.

He had always thought it was going to be a long war and the longer the better our chances. But we have to get over a very dark chasm.

He warned his countrymen against impatience and urged them to do the job, until America was ready, more thoroughly than they were doing it now. — British Wireless.

PREMIER ON DEFENCE OF NILE

(Continued from Page 2.)

ing little thought what they should eat or drink for the morrow.

"They pushed on until they came up against a very heavy prop at Tobruk and until they came to the large forces which guarded the frontiers of Egypt and lie back, securely based on road and sea communications.

"There at present they have stopped.

"It would be foolish to carry the story further but as long as the enemy has superiority in armoured vehicles they will have the advantage in desert warfare, although at present the air forces are about equal.

German Problem

"For an invasion of Egypt with the German main force, enormous preparations would be required. A pipeline might have to be made to carry an artificial river forward with the troops.

"We are lying back on our fertile desert which, incidentally, is the worst ground for armoured vehicles. We have command of the sea and the Germans are confronted with problems far more difficult than any they have solved in Africa.

"This is all the more true while we are defending, as we intend to defend to the death without thought of retirement, the highly offensive outposts of Crete and Tobruk.

"Crete has not yet been attacked. The strategic significance of Tobruk was obvious from the first, and anyone can see how its inextinguishability has proved itself on the enemy.

"We intend to fight with all our strength for the Nile Valley and the command of the Mediterranean. Our troops and resources will give a good account of themselves.

Deeds Not Words

"Let there be no feather-headed or defeatist talk about cutting our losses in the Middle East.

"As I said in December, when our situation in Egypt was far more critical than now, it is a case of deeds not words.

"Our generals on the spot believed no superior German force could advance effectively across the desert as soon or as quickly as they did and that if they did advance they would not be able to nourish themselves.

"That was a mistake but anyone who supposes there will not be mistakes in war is very unreal and foolish.

"It has yet to be seen how the forces that advanced will fare in the heavy fighting, with all its hazards, that still lies before them at no great distance.

Strategic Asset

"When your enemy has five or six times the regular army that you have, when he is more adequately equipped and is much stronger in the air and in tanks and when he lies in the centre of the war scene and can strike out in one, two or three directions simultaneously, out of a choice of seven or eight, it is evident that your problem becomes rather difficult.

"It is not possible to avoid repeated rebuffs and misfortunes and these we shall very likely have to go through for quite a long time.

"Our Intelligence Service was thought to be the best in the world in the last war and it is certainly not the worst in the world to-day.

In Iraq

"As long ago as May, the Foreign Office began to ask for troops to be sent to Iraq to

guard our lines of communication. But all the troops we had got had to go to the Nile Valley.

"In default of these troops, it was difficult to make headway against the pro-Axis intrigues of Raschid Ali, whose object obviously was to have everything ready for the Germans as soon as they could reach Iraq according to plan.

"THEREFORE THE ILL-INFORMED, SLOTHFUL, KID-GLOVED BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY FORESTALLED THIS PLOT.

"A strong British force landed and assumed control of the highly important bridgehead in the east—Basra—wherefore we shall doubtless have to fight hard and long.

"Raschid Ali was led into more violent courses. For several days we were very anxious about the position there.

"We have made great progress in all these spheres but there is much more to do.

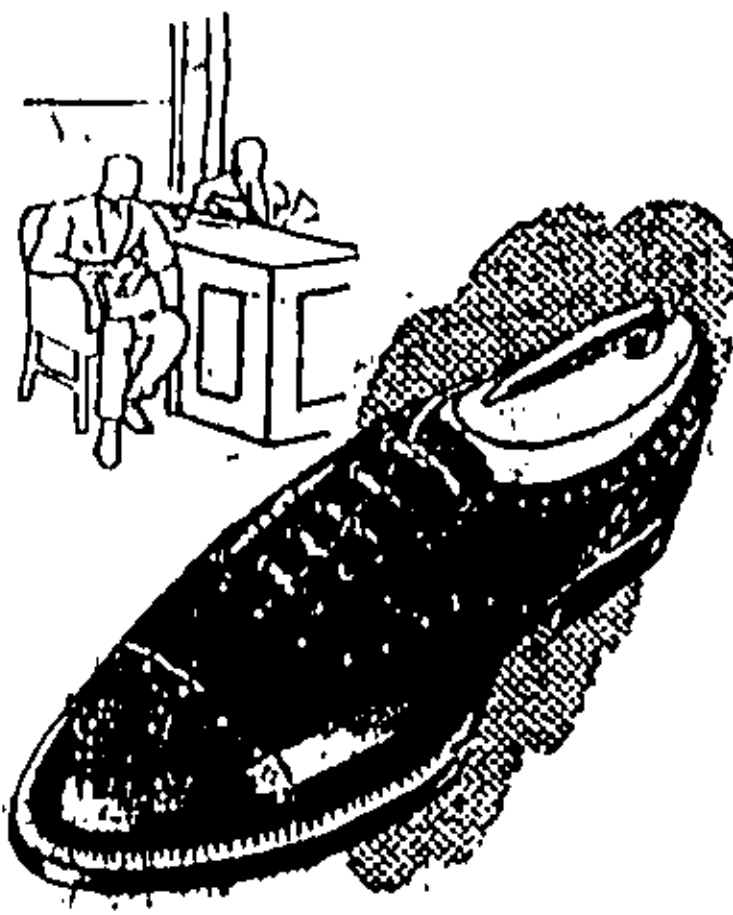
"With the continued flow of assistance already given us, by the United States we can probably maintain our minimum essential traffic during 1941.

U.S. Assurances

"For 1942 we must look to the immense construction of merchantmen in the United States. I have received assurance of construction by the U.S. which, added to our own large programme, should see us through that year.

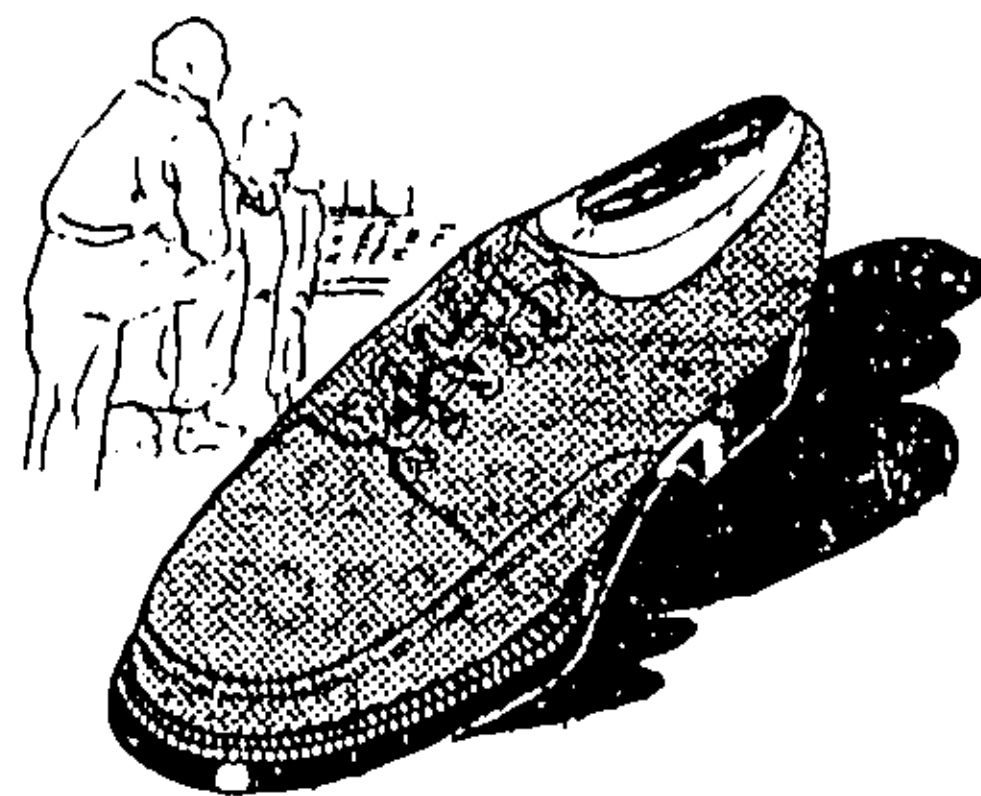
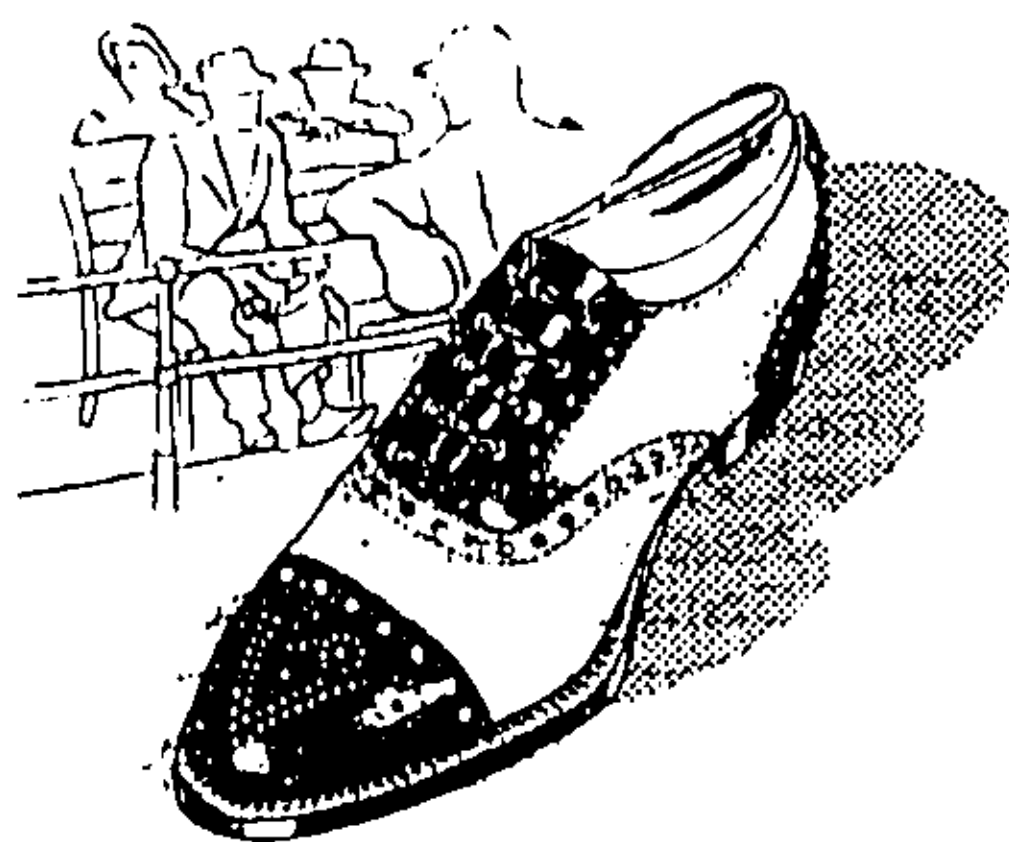
"Maybe 1943, if we have to endure it as a year of war, will present easier problems.

"The United States Patrol announced by President Roosevelt takes a considerable part of the Atlantic in a certain degree off our hands but we need a good deal more help and I expect we shall get a good deal more help in many ways.



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The WING ON

"It has been declared we are to have all help that is necessary but here I speak with caution because no British Minister can forecast, still less prescribe, the policy of the United States.

"When that mighty Democracy of 130 million gets on the move one can only await full developments of the translation of those vast psychological manifestations into physical means.

Besiegers Routed

"Yesterday the garrison at Habaniyah sallied out, completely routed the besiegers and put them to flight. Twenty-six Iraqi officers and 408 men were taken prisoners and total enemy casualties are estimated at 1,000.

"Possibly the Germans will arrive before we have crushed the revolt, in which case our task will become more difficult. "Possibly the revolt went off half-cock.

"We intend to assist the Iraqis to get rid of Raschid Ali and his military dictatorship at the earliest possible moment.

"I have never promised anything but blood, tears, toil and sweat, to which I will add our full share of mistakes, shortcomings and disappointments, and also that this may go on for a very long time, and at the end of which I firmly believe there will be a complete and final victory. (Cheers)

Battle Of Atlantic

"It is a mistake to say the Battle of the Atlantic is won. Our test is the number of tons of imports brought in.

"At present we are maintaining a rate of traffic with heavy losses. We are trying to meet these losses by building new ships, repairing damaged ships and accelerating the turning round of our ships in the ports.

Hitler's Fear

"Hitler's fear of the United States is apparent from the fact that he, not long ago, declared war upon them.

"I have never underrated our problems and danger. We are fighting for life and survival from day to day, and hour to hour.

"But Hitler has his problems too and if we only remain united and strive to our utmost to increase our exertions and work together like a great family, helping each other as five million families are doing in Britain today under enemy fire, I cannot conceive how anyone can doubt that victory will crown the good cause which we serve.

The Tempest

"It is almost a year since the disastrous Battle of France. Little did we know what storms and perils lay before us and little did Hitler know when he received the total capitulation of France and expected to be master of Europe in a few weeks and of the world in a few years, that 10 months later he would be appealing to the much-tired German people to prepare themselves for the war of 1942.

"WHEN I LOOK BACK ON THE PERILS WHICH WE HAVE OVERCOME AND REMEMBER ALL THAT HAS GONE WRONG AND ALSO ALL THAT HAS GONE RIGHT, I FEEL SURE WE HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR THE TEMPEST.

"Let it roar, let it rage. We shall come through." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

WAR EATING NAZI MILLIONS

Germany's war effort is costing her seventy-two per cent. of her national income, according to "Foreign Commerce Weekly," published by the U.S. Commerce Department. — Reuter.

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To-Morrow Only: Freddie Bartholomew, Mickey Rooney in **"CAPTAIN'S COURAGEOUS"** Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore
SATURDAY ONLY: **"A YANK AT OXFORD"** Robert Taylor, Vivien Leigh

STIMSON SPEECH A TURNING POINT IN AMERICAN HISTORY

MR. STIMSON'S BROADCAST SPEECH IS GENERALLY HAILED BY THE UNITED STATES PRESS AS A TURNING POINT IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" describes it as an eloquent and incisive call for use of the U.S. Navy to police the seas against German piracy.

The next two or three weeks, the paper declares, are likely to be the most critical in the history of the United States.

"Let us have a showdown with Hitler while it is still possible for us to have it at our own tremendous advantage." The "New York Times" emphasises the United States cannot afford to make the mistake other Democracies have made over and over again—a mistake of too little and too late.

War Call

It declares "The decision we are called upon to make is one of the greatest in our history. The question we are confronted with is not whether or not Americans want war. If Britain is defeated we are going to get war whether we want it or not." BATAVIA RADIO, COMMENTING ON THE SPEECH, SAYS "EVEN MR. CHURCHILL COULD HARDLY HAVE DONE BETTER."

"In a manner worthy of a public prosecutor Mr. Stimson flung his accusations straight into the teeth of the man who is to blame for all the misery he has caused mankind."

"THE SPEECH WAS AT ONCE A WARNING AND A DECLARATION OF WAR."

WAR OF THE SMALL PEOPLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who arrived in the U.S. by Clipper from Britain yesterday, urged the immediate commencement of American convoys for British ships taking war materials across the Atlantic.

"England is absolutely dependent on the United States," Mr. Menzies declared.

"This is a war of small people, and the small people of England are looking for increased aid from small people over here." —International News Service.

CLOSING LEAKAGES

By an executive order, President Roosevelt has subjected the transit of goods through the United States to the export license control system.

This action is interpreted as a further step in plugging the leakage of supplies to the Axis or pro-Axis nations, and may to some extent restrict the movements of goods from South America to United States ports for transshipment to other countries, including Japan. —Reuter.

GERMAN SEAMEN ROUNDED UP

OVER 100 GERMAN SEAMEN, STRANDED IN NEW YORK SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP BY THE POLICE AND CHARGED WITH OVER-STAYING THEIR LEAVE IN THE UNITED STATES.

It is expected they will be interned.

Similar round-ups are believed to be proceeding in other American ports.—Reuter.

STRIKE IN BELGIAN COAL MINES

A strike has broken out in the Belgian coal mines, according to information from Brussels reaching the Free Belgian news agency in London yesterday.

The miners, who have refused to join the only union open to them, stopped work a week ago and are being fined two marks for each day they remain on strike. —Reuter.

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR"

Mr. Menzies' Confidence

"WE SHALL WIN THE WAR. I do not say that in any easy optimism, but I say it with supreme confidence," declared Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, in a speech at Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Menzies was addressing members of the Canadian Club at luncheon, shortly after his arrival from New York in a Canadian Royal Air Force bomber.

"We British," he said, "have the will, the men, and the spirit. All we need is for the world to give us the machines."

"Our cause is the cause of the United States and of all civilised peoples. It is the cause of the common man."

"The saddest thing he had ever seen was the people of Britain being led from blazing streets: the sight of them hurrying to work again next morning was the happiest."

"These people are not going to ask for peace—they are going to fight for it."

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, and Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, attended the luncheon.

In The Commons

Mr. Menzies afterwards attended a meeting of the Canadian House of Commons and was given a seat on the floor of the House—the first time a non-member has been so honoured since the last war.

The members greeted him with rousing applause.

Afterwards, Mr. Menzies attended a meeting of the Canadian War Cabinet. He is expected to address the Canadian House of Commons at a later date.—Reuter.

NAZIS AND DARDANELLES

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY SAYS THAT THE QUESTION OF THE DARDANELLES HAS NOT SO FAR LED TO ANY COMPLICATIONS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE RELATING TO THE MONTREUX CONVENTION.

The statement added that Turkey had adhered rigidly to its obligations and had not allowed warships through the Straits or their use as a naval base. —Reuter.

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Turks' Unchanging Policy Of Freedom

AN ARTICLE BY THE EDITOR OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL TURKISH NEWSPAPER "ULUS" WAS QUOTED BY ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY UNDER THE TITLE "THE FUEHRER'S SPEECH AND OUR NATIONAL DEFENCE."

After pointing out that Turkey is now in contact with a new world war — or anarchy — the writer says Turkey's unchanging policy is based on independence, national defence and national security.

Asking whether Turkey will be able to defend that policy under the new conditions, the writer says "We are determined to do so and our desire is to follow our national policy to obtain complete freedom."

Stressing that Turkey looked for no advantage to themselves other than to protect the inviolability of Turkey, the article says Turkey has no designs on territory belonging to others, "nor have others the least right to ours."

The article concludes "Turkey has passed through a 20 months' test in which she has convinced everyone she will not provoke hostilities on her own frontier."

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German Faith

"As long as Germany remains faithful to her determination not to provoke war against Turkey, and to abstain from giving rise to complications in this country, we, too, can feel sure that our peace will remain undisturbed."

"The war did not begin in the East nor will it end there." — Reuter.

SEVEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed in daylight yesterday was brought to seven when R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the north-east coast in the evening.

There was considerable enemy activity off the south-east coast yesterday when in a series of dog-fights British fighters shot down six enemy fighters and severely damaged a number of others.

One Spitfire squadron got four of them in three different fights off the Kentish Coast. Two British fighters are missing. During daylight on Tuesday, four enemy fighters were destroyed, two by fighters and two by anti-aircraft gunfire. Five British fighters are missing from Tuesday's operations but three pilots are safe.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." FINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Found guilty of violating the Betting and Lottery Act, the "North China Daily News" was fined in H.M. Police Court yesterday 10/- on each of three charges for publishing lottery advertisements.

The magistrate remarked that according to British law the facts proved an infringement of the Act despite the fact that the lottery was operated for relief.

Further, defence counsel failed to prove to the court's satisfaction that the Act was unsuitable for application to China.—International News Service.

ARAB RECRUITS FOR BRITISH ARMY

The Mayor of Nablus, Suleiman Toukan, told a parade of Arab recruits for the British Army yesterday that he cherished glorious memories of their brethren who, a quarter of a century ago under the leadership of King Hussein and his noble sons, fought alongside British troops in defence of freedom until victory was achieved.

"If their aim was noble and lofty, your aim to-day is even more so."—Reuter.

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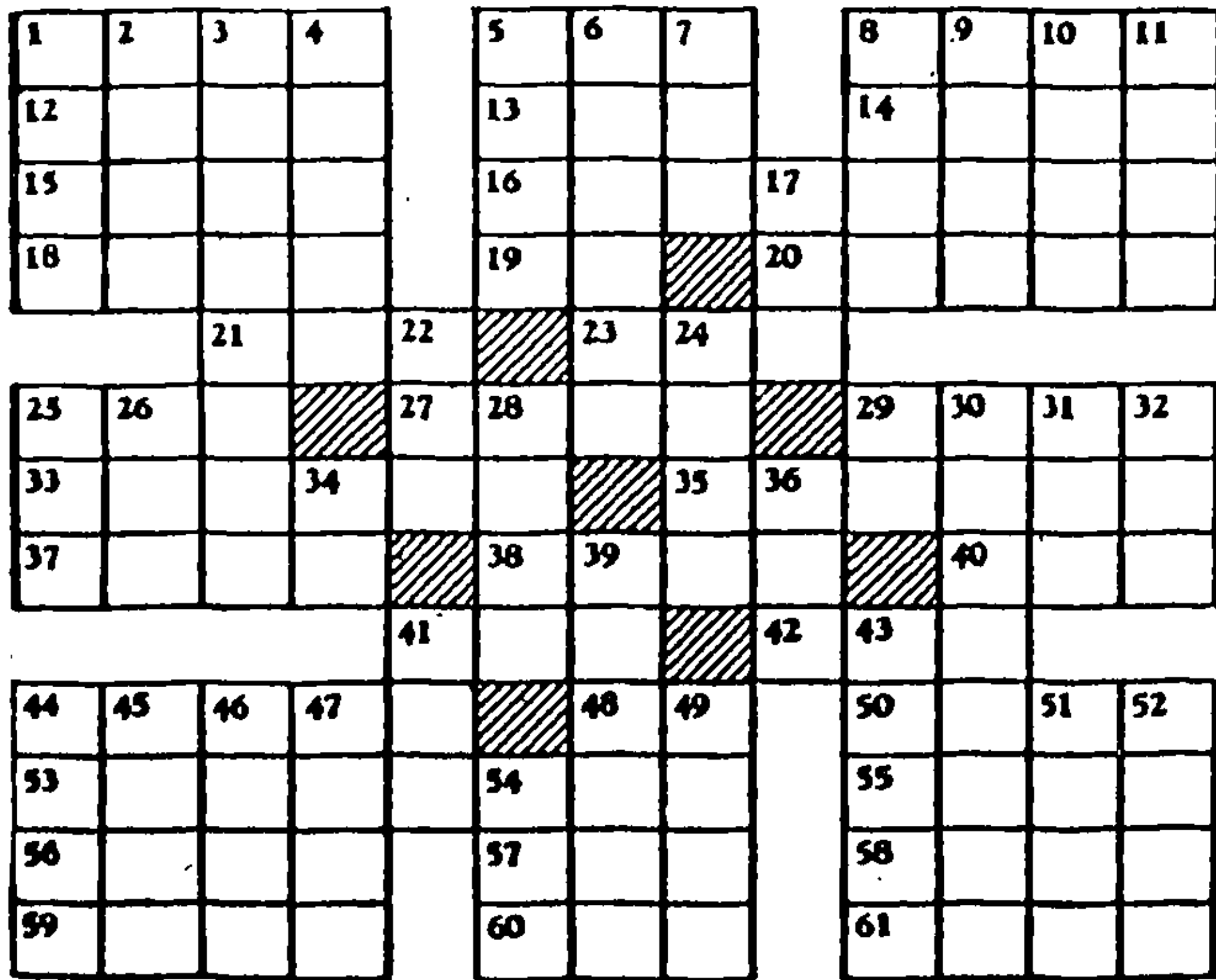
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pitcher
- 5 Top
- 8 Roman patriot
- 12 Narrow opening
- 13 Consumed
- 14 Footless animal
- 15 Mine entrance
- 16 Curtain
- 18 Smooth consonant
- 19 Printer's measure
- 20 Geese genus
- 21 Cloth measure
- 23 Shade tree
- 25 Beard, as of wheat
- 27 Otherwise
- 29 Rational
- 33 To speak from memory
- 35 Abandoned
- 37 Arabian seaport
- 38 Agile
- 40 American writer
- 41 Music, as written
- 42 Greek letter
- 44 To move smoothly

- 48 Exists
- 50 Aloud
- 53 Silent
- 55 Brain membrane
- 56 Solar disc
- 57 Constellation
- 58 Man's name
- 59 To pierce
- 60 Girl's name
- 61 Let it stand

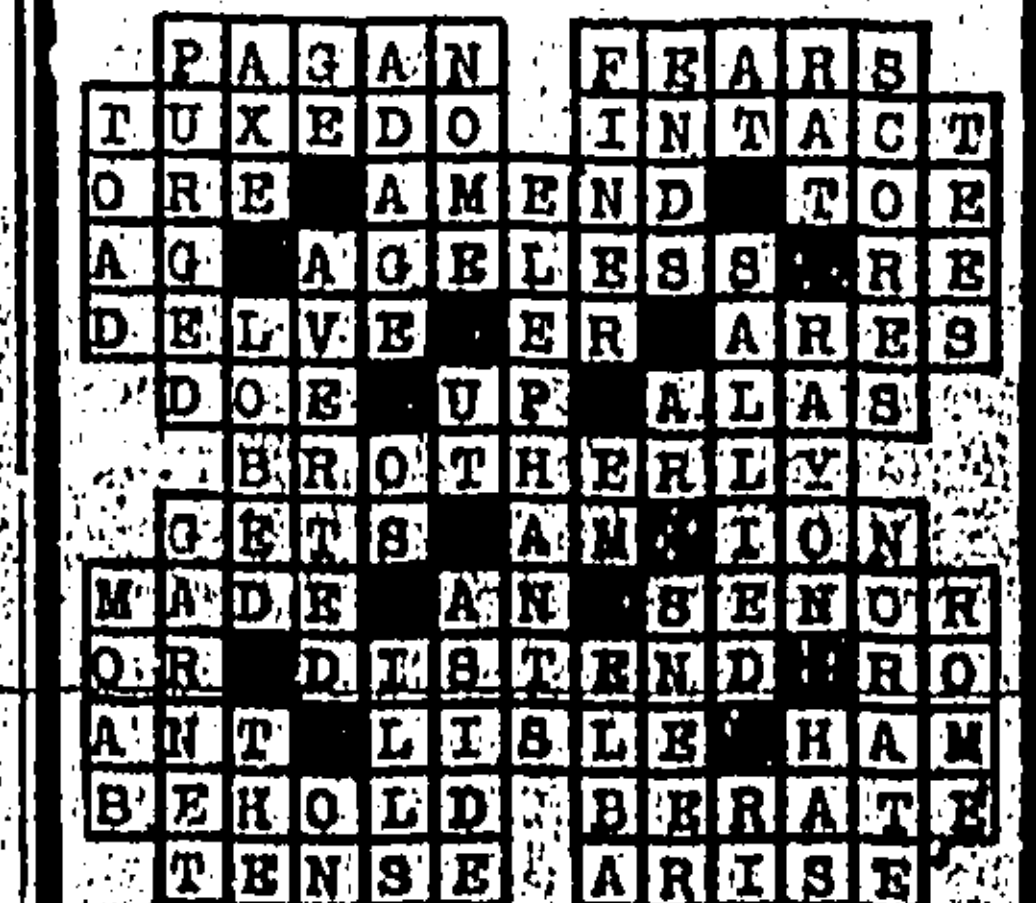
VERTICAL

- 1 Pertaining to a period of time
- 2 Broad
- 3 Exalted rank
- 4 South American rodent
- 5 Cloak
- 6 Makes amends

7 By

- 8 Brother of Abel
- 9 Simians
- 10 Ripped
- 11 River in Germany
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COL. KNOX'S ADDRESS

AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

The address of Secretary of the Navy Knox at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association follows:

AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, of course, I do have access to intimate details of information, from all parts of the world, that are not available to all, but this larger and more intimate knowledge in nowise changes the general aspect of the world situation as it is set forth daily in your publication and mine.

What we all see is an America which is gradually becoming encircled by military powers whose ideals, institutions and methods are all of them irreconcilably antagonistic to our ideals, institutions and methods.

These same powers have also openly and repeatedly proclaimed themselves our enemies, and these openly avowed enemies have joined themselves together in a pact which they do not hesitate to say is aimed at us, and at us alone!

The only reason that this hostile pact, admittedly aimed at us, has not resulted in open warfare upon us has been because it does not suit the present purpose of these powers to engage in war with us. Wherever, in the judgment of the Axis powers, it better suits their purpose to begin hostilities, hostilities will begin, and nothing that we can do, save prostrating ourselves in abject surrender, will change this.

For months there has been almost complete suspension of all direct contact between the United States and all of Europe, save Britain alone.

Across the course of the ships that ply this single route have been flung an enlarged fleet, no one knows how numerous, of submarines — submarines which, due to scientific discoveries, are vastly more effective than they were in the last war.

The sea-going range of these submarines has been immensely increased, and the field of their activity steadily expands westward, far over the line which divides the Atlantic between Europe and America.

French Bases

Possession of convenient bases on the French coast has added a whole fleet of surface raiders — ships of high speed, and some of them of great gun power, which prey disastrously upon the commerce between Britain and America. Finally, from bases in Northern Norway and Western France, huge fleets of heavy bombers circle back and forth to add terror from the skies to the dangers that lurk along the sea lanes leading to a beleaguered England. Steadily the toll of lost ships mounts far faster than replacements can be made.

To the southward of conquered Europe lies the Mediterranean, an accustomed highway for our ocean commerce in times of peace. To-day the Mediterranean is forbidden waters. On its bosom ply only the craft that carry supplies to fighting armies, and the British and Italian men of war who fight for its control. Gone is all of our contact with the nations that border that sea.

The great continent of Africa, itself a field for contending armies, offers no ports for our merchantmen's trade. Its western coast, which thrusts itself half way across the South Atlantic, affording an excellent base for operations against the southern half of the Western Hemisphere, is denied our commerce. Whether we swing eastward around the Cape of Good Hope, or to the westward through the Straits of Magellan, we find enemy raider-infested seas. At the end of our journey, go we westward or eastward, we encounter an Axis partner who openly proclaims he entered that partnership in an effort to prevent us from interfering with their policies of ruthless military aggression.

Russo-Japanese Link

The latest link in this chain of encirclement that is being forged by the Axis powers is the recently announced agreement between Russia and Japan. Russia was not in any peril of attack by Japan. Japan not only

has her hands full, and more than full, in her attempt to subjugate Southern China by force of arms, but her aspirations are not northward. They are southward. Japan imperatively needed assurance that she would not be attacked in the north while she was pressing her designs in the south. Just how much assurance Japan feels that her Manchukuo border is safe, I do not know, but whatever that assurance may be it enhances the likelihood of an expansion of hostilities by Japan into a region which is one of the sources of critical war materials for both Great Britain and ourselves. The conclusion of this pact is certain to strengthen the hand of the war party in Japan.

Empty Promise

Japan's promise, on the other hand, not to help Hitler if Hitler should attack Russia, is an empty promise. Japan could not help Russia in Europe if she wanted to, and Hitler does not need the help of Japan for such a purpose.

The end, therefore, of this deal between Russia and Japan which tightens the circle around us, leaves Russia quite as likely an object of attack by Hitler as she was before the deal was made, and leaves Japan free from any Russian interference in the Far East. Summed up in military terms, the Russo-Japanese agreement makes Japan more secure as she pursues her dream of domination of all Eastern Asia and leaves Russia no stronger in the event of an attempted Nazi seizure of the Ukraine.

Nazi Domination Aim

Thus, everywhere as we estimate the situation the world around, the pressure on us grows — through Libya; through Egypt and the Suez; through Yugoslavia and across to the sea; from the western coast of Africa to South America; through the Pacific to the Dutch Netherlands, and, most vital of all, across the broad North Atlantic from German bases in France and Norway now to Greenland. German strategy — world strategy, carefully planned and efficiently executed — is becoming clearer each day. German aspirations for world domination can no longer be mistaken. The jaws of the Nazi trap are closing.

How long will we remain bemused and stupefied while the Axis powers press their plans for our isolation and ultimate defeat? Wherein lies the difference between what Germany has done to her earlier victims and what she is doing to us? First, the bland and hypocritical assurance that she has no hostile plans. That is what she told Poland when she signed the Polish non-aggression pact. Then, the organization of a skillfully integrated information service that would lay bare our weaknesses, our internal divisions, and our vulnerable spots just as she did in France, and then, the organization of her fifth columns not yet loosed to the maximum but sufficiently active to warn us unmistakably of their presence, just as she did in Norway. Next, a steady encirclement and seizure of vantage points from which to launch her attack, just exactly

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's condition has improved but his doctor has advised his staying indoors for two days more.—Reuter.

as she has just done in Yugoslavia. Why, we even emulate the Axis victims in our psychology. We think we can escape while all the rest of the world suffers. We keep alive a wretched patriotism when a united patriotism should characterize our thinking. We refuse to believe that the Axis powers even intend to attack us, or could be successful if they did. We refuse to face the realities of the situation in South America, the protection of which from successful invasion is a primary condition of our defense.

'Fatuus Complacency'

In that great region to the south of us, readily available as a base for an attack upon us, there is neither the military nor naval power to resist against invasion. In our fatuous complacency we ignore that in the present economic set-up the tug of self-interest comes from Europe and not from North America. We fail to give due consideration to the size and significance of the subversive, pro-Nazi elements in many of the countries in that region—subversive elements that would speedily promote revolutionary chaos to the advantage of the Axis itself.

Many of us fail to face what it will mean to our security if the Axis powers once gained a foothold close to our borders. We ignore what that might mean to the safety of the Panama Canal, the most vital line of communication under the American flag. Too few of us realize, and still fewer acknowledge, the size of the disaster to American hemispheric safety if Germany, already the conqueror of France, should establish herself in Dakar, a French colonial possession. From there, with her surface ships, submarines and long-range bombers, a victorious Germany could substantially cut us off from all commerce with South America and make of the Monroe Doctrine a scrap of paper.

If England Fell

Finally, some of the very blind among us refuse to see what will be the inevitable result if the final link in the chain-of-our-encirclement is forged and the battle of the Atlantic is lost and England succumbs, with her fleet sunk or captured.

This is but a partial, withal a brutally blunt, summary of the strategy of encirclement of which we are the victims.

Before we attempt an inventory of the measures we could take to meet this growing menace, this obvious encirclement, let us thoroughly digest this fact: Suppose this should happen—that our encirclement and isolation was complete and England had fallen. We then will be given but two choices—the choice of surrender or the choice of fighting. We won't surrender and we will fight. No one who knows about America and Americans doubts that. Consequently, we must fight ultimately unless we find and put into effect measures that will enable Britain to win without our fighting.

Course Already Outlined

We have already gone far in this direction. We have declared that the fight that England is making is our fight. We have likewise affirmed that the enemies she is fighting are our enemies. We have denounced without reserve Axis aggression, Axis faithlessness to treaties, Axis brutal and murderous disregard of international good faith, and we have said, with an overwhelming public approval of this statement, that we are in the fight to stay until victory for human liberty, for justice and her good faith is won.

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THE PRESENT OUTLOOK

Most of the gaps in Mr. Churchill's story of the Balkans campaign have been filled in by Mr. Eden. General Wavell was able to invest in the Balkans roughly three divisions and a certain strength of air force in order to sustain the heroism of the Greeks, bring in the Yugoslavs and the Turks and so establish a south eastern front. The force was small and the attempt failed.

This does not mean that it was a waste to make it. Except for the troops and equipment lost in Greece (a small percentage of the whole) we are in no worse position than we would have been had we remained passive; but the Germans are. The Nazis are on the Aegean; but whereas they would have arrived there, had we refused to go to the aid of Greece, in peace and in full command of an undamaged communication net through the Balkans, they have actually arrived only at a heavy cost in life and machinery, with the whole country disrupted behind them, and filled with embittered peoples.

On balance, the attempt has unquestionably gained more than it has cost. But it is also true that the failure has created a new situation. Britain has lost her last toe-hold on the Continent; at the same time, she has paid a heavy price in prestige which doubles the difficulty of securing a re-entry.

Whatever hope there may have been in either Vichy or Weygand seems now to be gone for good; Italy has been to some extent revived; Spain will doubtless fall whenever Hitler chooses to demand it; unless Britain can find the force to intervene soon West Africa and Dakar will probably follow; and while Mr. Eden, who is in as good a position as any to judge, is confident of Turkish resistance, there are many who feel that this is dubious at best.

Apparently, Egypt and Suez have been saved from the threat through North Africa, and it is reasonable to expect that these positions, together with Crete, can be held. The Nazis have demonstrated that no difficulties of terrain and no half-armed resistance, however glorious, can stop them anywhere on the Continent, so long as they are allowed to choose their field and have time to prepare the onslaught. There can no longer be any reliance on allies, on limited campaigns to "stiffen" this people or "arouse" that one. In the meanwhile, the outcome of the war will continue to hang upon the endurance of the citadel of the British Isles.

Hitler would now seem to have two alternatives—to press the war at both ends of the Mediterranean, with the idea of splitting the empire and re-establishing the Italians before turning on the British Isles, or switching back his main forces for an immediate all-out assault on Britain. In either event, the strain upon the people of Britain over the next few months is going to be a terrific one, both materially and morally.

President Roosevelt has given an emphatic "yes" to the question of whether Britain will hold out, and whether American sup-



NO KID GLOVES

Mechanised Warfare

The campaigns of the current war have made so manifest the vital importance of using, in modern warfare, a mechanised force and of applying tactical principles based on the speed of that force that the question of the origin, nature and methods of action of this new weapon, sometimes called the "motor-air combat" team, has become not only of professional but of general interest.

As far back as five years before the beginning of this present war, General, then Captain, Charles de Gaulle who since the surrender of France has been the leader of the "Free Frenchmen," wrote a book, now published in English, in which he stressed the importance and urged the creation of a picked mechanised and armoured force, seeing in it the only adequate means of national defence. Such a force was used in the present war by France's adversary in Europe and, later on, by the British in Africa, in both cases with results so disastrous for their respective opponents that we can plainly see now how imperative was the need for the formation of the "imaginary" force advocated by General de Gaulle and the adoption of the principles laid down by him not only for France but for her allies as well.

In six brief but brilliantly written sections of the volume the author tells how France, because of the geographical disadvantages characteristic of her frontiers,

plies should continue to be sent. But Britain cannot hold out on words alone or on 'planes and tanks consigned to the bottom of the sea, and the remarkable speech by Col. H. L. Stimson indicates that that is well understood in Washington.

There is every likelihood now of early action by the United States to secure the lifeline by naval cooperation.

The defeat in Greece spelt the end of all half-measures. Hitler can win this war, unless the democratic world now puts all it has into preventing it, unless the United States fearlessly "delivers the goods" as well as makes them—the goods to hold the British outpost now, and to accumulate later the crushing force which we now see to be the only answer to Hitlerism.

could not solve the problem of her national defence except by having, in addition to the mass of reserves and recruits, "slow to mobilise and clumsy to set going," a special body of troops, highly trained, mobile, protected by armour and ready for instantaneous action in combined operations with aircraft, the creation of which had been made possible by the enormous progress of modern

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technique, and he further sets forth what the composition and employment of that mechanised force should be and what kind of leadership it demands.

In his arresting analysis he foresaw that it would be in the "terrible breach" in the North-east, "age-old weakness of France," that the initial blow would fall, the shortest and easiest path being that toward the sources of the Oise, near which, at Sedan, less than fifty miles away, the breakthrough actually took place. He pointed out that France could not afford to lose even a single battle, since that would mean Paris put to fire and sword. He said that it would be absurd to build the country's defence solely on the "resistance of fortifications manned by novices," and he arrived at the conclusion that there could be no French defence without the above-mentioned mechanised force, capable of acting without delay, winning all important victories at the very outset, on which the development of future operations would so much depend.

It is impossible not to see how closely the merely theoretical principles, expounded in this book (such as the use of initiative and speed and the launching of surprise assaults, all cited as conditions inherent to victory) resemble the actual principles on which action by mechanised forces was based in the war now going on. But the resemblance is even more striking when we compare the imaginary attacks vividly described by General de Gaulle, with the lightning tactics used by Germany in Poland and Western France. As one significant detail, we even find that the strength of the armoured force used in the Polish campaign, which is estimated at some six or seven panzer divisions, was substantially the

same as that of the "army of shock-troops" which de Gaulle had projected in 1934. It is of further interest that a year after France saw the publication of his book there appeared in a German military periodical an article on the tactics of armoured troops which was later followed by another and, finally, by a special study in which mechanised warfare was described in even greater detail than in the volume here reviewed.

There is, of course, no way of telling whether General de Gaulle's book had influenced the German author, an officer by the name of Guderian, who incidentally, was that general who commanded one of the mechanised columns in Poland and was subsequently in command of the "completely motorised" corps which broke through at Sedan. He may have been impressed by the earlier exponents of mobile warfare, such as von Seeckt and even before him the French General Buat, who was probably the first to proclaim that "with the appearance of the motor on the battlefield, mobility has regained its full importance." But the greatest significance lies in the fact that, unlike France, the Germans did not confine themselves to paper expositions of the tactical powers of the armoured divisions, but as early as 1935 they began to create such divisions out of the cadres of the motorised companies of the Reichswehr, which was admitted in the articles mentioned above.

That the French were slow to create a mechanised force, and at the same time modify the established ideas and the technique of warfare was due, no doubt, for one thing, to the instinctive and understandable fear of every army, particularly of a victorious army, to undertake fundamental reforms, such as changing its structure and tactics. But the outstanding answer to that question is apparently to be found where de Gaulle speaks of the general conditions "under which France functioned in the pre-war period." In one place the author says that there had "developed in our people an anti-war psychosis which is being carried to excess," while in another we read that "there are so many discussions and so many contingencies in public life that the best activities, even when they are set in motion, seldom lead to results." In short the situation was one very close to "paralysis."

Under these conditions, though General de Gaulle ended his prophetic study with a hope that a change "must come," his hope or belief, as has since been made plain, was without foundation.

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IRAQI FORCE EJECTED FROM HABBANIYAH

British Troops Take Offensive

BRITISH ARMoured UNITS and troops and Iraqi levies, operating from Habbaniyah, ejected the Iraq rebels on Tuesday from positions overlooking the cantonment, according to a communique issued in Cairo.

The R.A.F. continuously attacked the rebel lines the previous night and during the engagement on Tuesday rendered continuous close support, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy and subsequently keeping them on the move during their withdrawal towards Falluja.

Rebel casualties were very heavy while those of the British were negligible. The British captured over 300 prisoners.

Guns flown in aircraft to the scene of the battle contributed to the defeat of the Iraqis.

The aerodrome at Moascar Al Raschid Iraq was again bombed. One hangar was completely destroyed by fire, a twin-engine aircraft blown up, a number of others severely damaged and the aerodrome surface badly cut up.

The British aircraft received practically no opposition.—Reuter.

Rutbah Retaken

British forces have occupied Rutbah, on the pipeline from the Mosul oilfields to Haifa, according to a Rome despatch to the official German news agency.

Iraqi forces occupied Rutbah last Friday after attacking and taking prisoner an unarmed British working party.—Reuter.

MEDIATION RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is unconfirmably reported that the Iraqi Premier, Rashid Ali, has accepted Turkey's good offices to mediate between Iraq and Britain.

Some quarters hope peace negotiations will be instituted though latest advices state that hostilities are progressing.

Meanwhile the Syrian authorities are rushing reinforcements to the Iraq border.

British planes have again dropped leaflets on Baghdad calling for a revolution.—International News Service.

Russian Offer?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is now being rumoured, without confirmation, that Russia has offered to mediate in the dispute between Britain and Iraq.

Heavy concentrations of Turkish troops are reported to be taking place on the Iraq frontier.

British sorties from Basra have caused considerable losses to the Iraqi Camel Corps.—International News Service.

BRITISH FOOD PURCHASES IN AMERICA

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. WICKARD, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF FOOD TO BRITAIN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT.

Mr. Wickard will be chairman of the committee, which will comprise three members of the British food mission and three Americans.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S WAR CABINET

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms on the composition of the War Cabinet, Mr. Churchill said yesterday that there was in fact a War Cabinet of eight.

Five of them had no regular departments and three represented the main general organisms of the state—foreign affairs, finance and labour.

It gave its broad sanctions to the main policy and conduct of the war.

Under their authority the Chiefs of Staff of the three Services sat each day together and he, as Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, presiding, summoning when necessary the three Service Ministers.

Defence Committee

All the larger issues of military policy were brought before the Defence Committee, which, for several months past, consisted of the three Chiefs of Staff, the three service Ministers and four members of the Cabinet—the Prime Minister, Lord Privy Seal, Foreign Secretary and Lord Beaverbrook.—British Wireless.

THIS PATIENT HAS TO STAY PUT

There is one patient, a woman, who must stay in the battered Cardiff hospital.

She is a radium patient.

Inside her is a tube of radium worth at least £600.

It was put in just before the blitz.

It cannot be taken out for forty-eight hours and she will remain in the building until that time has elapsed.

BATTLES IN CHANNEL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THREE WOMEN WERE KILLED AND 12 PERSONS INJURED IN A BRIEF SHELLING OF THE DOVER AREA BY GERMAN BIG BERTHAS WHICH FOLLOWED TWO HEAVY BRITISH BOMBINGS OF THE INVASION COAST IN DAYLIGHT.

German planes all day tried to penetrate the south-east coast. Many battles took place, with six Messerschmitts and one Spitfire downed.—International News Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CAIRO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Capt. James Roosevelt arrived in Cairo yesterday to act as U.S. Marine Corps observer.—International News Service.

MANDARIN CLASS IN KOWLOON INTERRUPTED

A MANDARIN CLASS at the Pui Ching School, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, one of several financed by the Ministry of Education, Chungking, was broken up by two Chinese representatives of the Hong Kong Education Department last night.

Shortly after 7 p.m., while the class was in progress under Mr. Koo Min-chung, of the Commercial Press, they entered the class-room and it is alleged, without consulting the Principal of the School, or Mr. Koo, ordered the students to go home.

The students declared they would remain until asked to leave by Mr. Koo.

In reply to a question by Mr. Koo, the visitors declared they were representatives of the Hong Kong Education Department, and said that the class could not continue because it had not been registered with the local educational authorities, and also because the class was too large for the room.

Legal action was threatened should the class be resumed. Mr. Koo, having no alternative, discontinued the class temporarily, pending negotiations with the educational authorities.

LORD BEAVERBROOK AT PALACE

Lord Beaverbrook was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday on his appointment as Minister of State.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT INEUNU RETURNS

President Ineunu of Turkey has returned to Ankara from a tour of the western provinces, says an Ankara despatch, quoted by the German News Agency.—Reuter.

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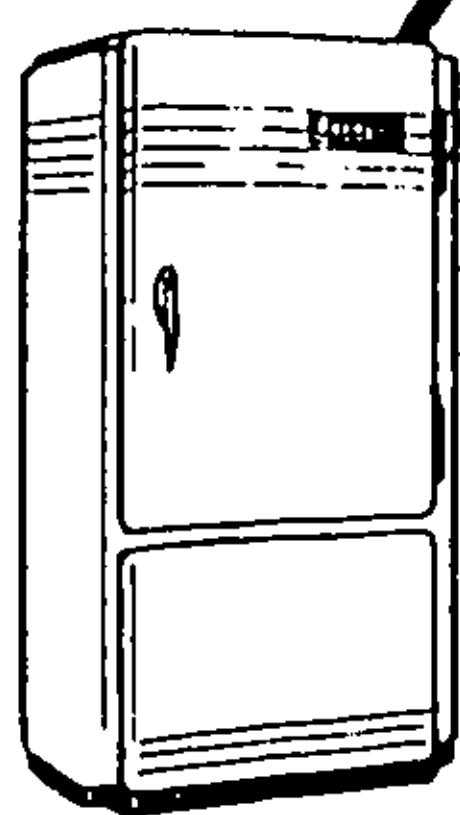
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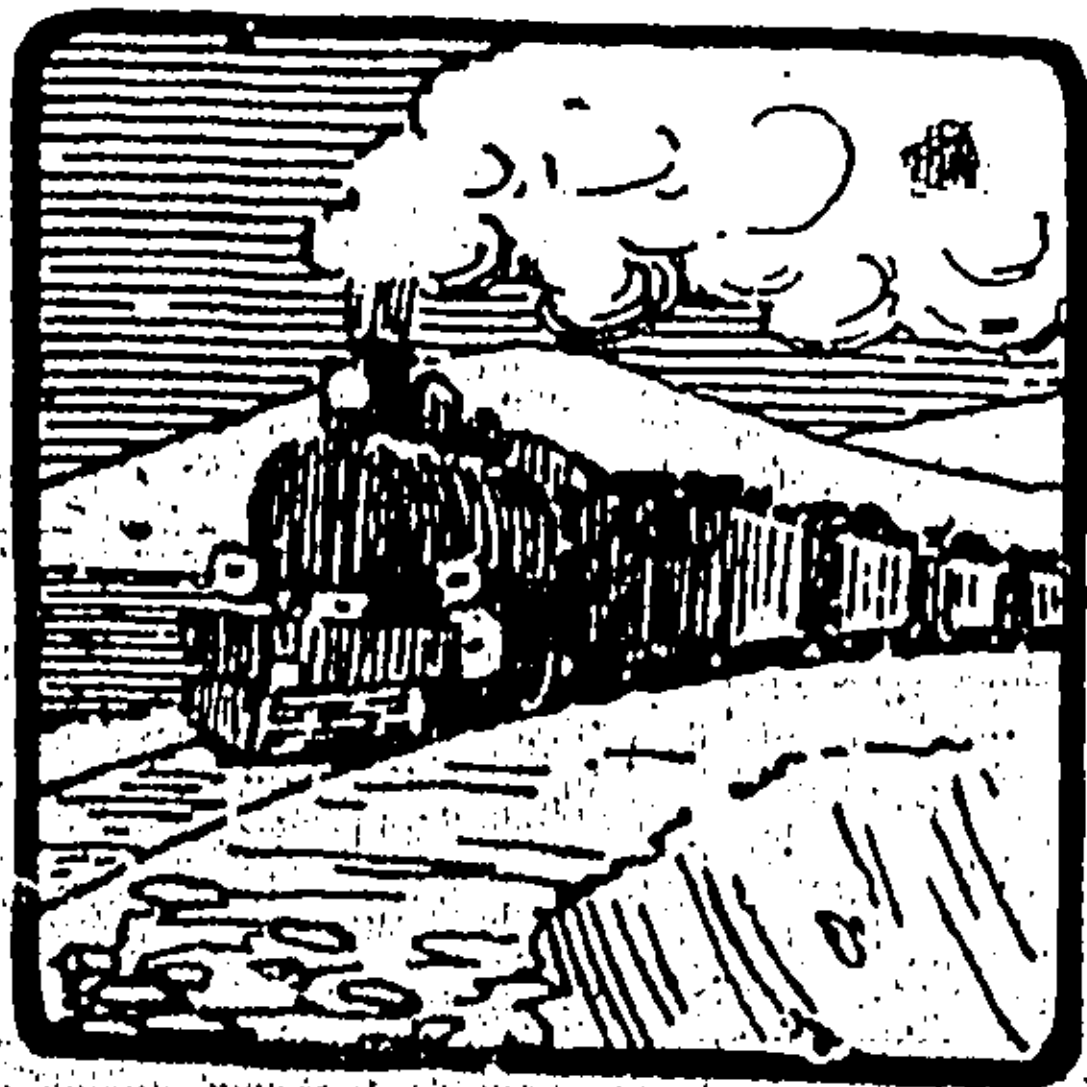
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THE ROAR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE SPEECHES OF Col. Henry Stimson and Senator Claude Pepper are prominently featured in Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong this morning.

In an editorial entitled "The Roar of Righteousness," the "Kung Sheung Daily News" comments that Col. Stimson's speech was the most outspoken by any responsible official of the U.S. Government since the inception of the European war.

EIRE'S HUGE BUDGET

Introducing Eire's £40-626,000 Budget the Finance Minister, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, in the Dail yesterday, said he proposed to raise income tax from 6/6d to 7/6d in the pound.

The gap between revenue and expenditure was £7,765,000 and there was no chance of bridging it by normal means.

Mr. O'Kelly announced a tax of 50 per cent on profits from September 1, 1939, and an increased duty of 5/6d per lb on tobacco and a double duty on matches.

He also increased the duty on imported newspapers, and said that all internal newspapers would be taxed.

Other increases were on postage rates for letters and post-cards, on petrol and cider, but no increase in beer and spirit duties and no purchase tax.

Highest In History

The sum for supply services and the central fund to be met he estimated at £40,620,000, which was the highest in the history of the state.

When capital sums had been deducted, net expenditure was £39,448,000.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS TESTAMENT OF FREEDOM

In readiness for next Saturday's anniversary of the German invasion of Holland, a Testament of Freedom has been handed to every Dutch subject in Britain and sent by air to scores of thousands of their compatriots abroad.

The Testament urges all who receive it never to forget what the Netherlands have suffered.

It affirms the common realisation that the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a world empire of 80 million inhabitants and promises they will strive in constant cooperation with those who guarantee peace, freedom and safety in the world.

A great tribute is paid to Queen Wilhelmina for her striking example of inflexibility of strength.—Reuter.

INDIAN A BRITISH OFFICER

Private Khurshed Kalkhosru La kaka, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, is gazetted to the Wiltshire Regiment as a second lieutenant. It was announced in the "London Gazette."

Lieutenant K. K. Lalkaka is the first Parsee to win a commission in the British Army. He is a member of the family of Tata, owners of the biggest steel works in India.

CREWS TELL OF U-BOAT AMBUSH

Fifty survivors from two British cargo ships have been landed at an Eastern Canadian port.

They say their ships were sunk within two hours of each other by four U-boats lying in wait in the Atlantic.

The two captains and twenty-nine other members of the crews are missing. All the survivors are British.

MASS OF FRANCE RESENTS DARLAN

"French workers, like the great mass of the French public, inwardly reject the policy rapprochement with Germany although some Trade Union leaders support Laval," states the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht" describing conditions in France.

The fact that on almost every street-corner the De Gaulle sign (a big V surrounding the Cross of Lorraine) is scrawled on houses, speaks for itself as does the habitual disinclination of the people to telephone at midday or during the evening in order not to disturb listeners to British broadcasts in French.

The Germans buy up a far greater part of foods arriving at Marseilles. The goods are carried northwards in German railway waggons which are visible to everyone.

Ill-Feeling

Marseilles dislikes the spectacle of German waggons bringing coal for German steamers operating under the German flag in coastal traffic in French territorial waters chiefly between Marseilles and Barcelona.

Ill-feeling is still much more marked in occupied France than elsewhere.

Reliable testimony from two different towns in Northern France confirms American press reports that the population greets jubilantly visits of R.A.F. planes despite the suffering caused by the bombardments.—Reuter.

It tells the world when the United States will participate in the war — when U.S. convoys of military supplies to Britain are sunk by Germany.

Col. Stimson's emphasis that the United States will not "flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic" is a reminder of the situation on February 3, 1917, when President Wilson announced in Congress the severance of relations between the United States and Germany, following the sinking of a number of American ships by German submarines.

Col. Stimson's declaration made before any American ship has been sunk, is enough to indicate that the determination of the United States is greater than in 1917.

Japan's Position

On the Far Eastern situation in the event of American participation in the European war, the paper believes that whatever be the change, Japan cannot take advantage of it. If she brings the war to the Pacific, she will fight Britain and the United States single-handed. She will be of little help to Germany; she has much to lose herself.

The "National Times" says that the broadcast of Col. Stimson was tantamount to a declaration of the United States' acceptance of Germany's challenge to war.

The speech of Senator Claude Pepper was not a mere empty threat, opines the "Ta Kung Pao." Only threat of force can make Japan understand the United States' attitude, the paper says.—Central News.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Charged with conspiracy to rob and possession of two files and a dagger for an unlawful purpose, Au Yeung Kau, 20, and Yau So, 20, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Alleged to be the instigator, first accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour for conspiracy, and fined \$20 or one month for possession. Second accused was given two months for conspiracy.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said at 11.45 p.m. on Tuesday, the police, acting on information, went to a spot in Kowloon City, where defendants were street sleepers. The weapons were found underneath first accused's pillow.

Both admitted that they had planned to rob a Shanghai Chinese with two other men, who, however, had not been traced.

THREE RAIDS ON POLICE PAVILION

DESCRIBED BY THE police as a clever criminal, who stole thousands of cigarettes and bottles of liquor on three occasions without leaving a single finger print, Lam Kwang, alias Lam Sang, 30, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, on three charges of burglary and one of a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Pleading guilty, accused was three "raids" without being sentenced to eight and a half months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. McPherson, prosecuting, stated that accused looted the Police Sports pavilion in Boundary Street, on February 22, April 24 and May 7, by removing a pane of glass from a French window. He took away three bottles of whisky, 4,610 cigarettes, two boxes of cigars, three tins of tennis balls, eight tins of tomato juice and nine pairs of trousers.

Asked by the Magistrate how accused managed to carry out

Det.-Sgt. McPherson added that pawn shops were notified as the result of the theft of nine pairs of trousers yesterday morning.

The police traced accused to his house at No. 320, Laichikok Road yesterday afternoon as a result of information received from pawn shops.



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A DISASTROUS SACRIFICE

By The Four Aces

South took a stab at saving the rubber and found herself making two spades without the book!

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♠ K Q 10 6 3 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 7 4 3
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♠ A Q J
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ Q J 5
♣ 7 6 2
♠ 10 8 6 5 2
♥ A K
♦ 8 4 2
♣ J 8 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
10	Pass	1♥	Dbl.
Rdbl.	Pass	1NT	2♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of clubs, then switched to a heart. South won and led a trump, East winning with the Ace. The heart return was taken by South's Ace, and that was the last trick South won!

She led a club, and West took the Queen and Ace, following up with two top diamonds and a low diamond. South was now down to trumps only; and, when a heart was led through, made the mistake of ruffing low.

West over-ruffed with the seven of spades and led the last diamond. And East, perceiving the situation, ruffed with the spade Queen and returned another heart.

By this time poor South was sure the spade Jack must be in the West hand. She therefore ruffed with the eight of spades, and West won with the spades nine. East's Jack of Spades won the last trick, and South was down to six tricks!

The moral is so clear that we hate to point it out for fear of laying it on too thick: A player who persists in fighting for part scores with a bad hand must expect to get into trouble occasionally.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
Pass	(?)	1♠	2♥

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Question No. 710

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♣	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AMERICA MUST SEE THE JOB THROUGH

(Continued from Page 6)

We have made our productive facilities available to those who are fighting the Axis. We have loaned them much of our military equipment, although we had insufficient for our own defence. We have passed the lease-lend bill and appropriated \$7,000,000,000 to implement that bill by an almost unanimous vote of our Congress. We have opened up our yards and docks for the repair of British men-of-war and merchantmen. We have assumed protection of Greenland. We have removed restrictions on American flagships sailing to zones where fighting is over, so that we might relieve Britain of the burden of supplying the armies fighting in that theatre.

We have gone a long way, and all of it with the support of an overwhelming public opinion. Incidentally, the latest test of public opinion discloses the American nation to be approximately 70 per cent for aid to Britain even at the risk of war. Having gone thus far, we cannot back down. There is no retracing our steps. We have committed ourselves in this world struggle. If we should attempt to back down now, England would go down to catastrophic defeat and we would face a world-wide victorious Germany and her allies whom we should have to fight alone.

Can Only Go On

We have declared that the aggressor nations must not be per-

mitted to win. We have irrevocably committed ourselves to see that that is prevented. We have put all of our resources into the scales to bring defeat to those who would rule the world by force. We have acknowledged that our destiny just as much as the destiny of the British Empire and the ultimate destiny of the conquered peoples of the Low Countries, of Scandinavia, of France and of the Balkans are at stake.

Having gone thus far, we can only go on.

Hitler cannot allow our war supplies and food to reach England—he will be defeated if they do. We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic—we shall be beaten if they do. We must make our promise good to give aid to Britain. We must see the job through. All of this is needed for our own safety and our future security. This is our fight. The American people have recognised the catastrophic quality of a totalitarian victory, and, by overwhelming majority, they have endorsed every step along the progress we have made to our present posture.

Proclaiming, as we do, our faith in the ultimate victory of the good over evil, our devotion to the cause of human liberty, our century and a half of the pursuit of justice between men on terms of equality, we can no longer occupy the immoral and craven position of asking others to make all the sacrifice for this victory which we recognise as so essential to us. Our manhood and our self-respect demand that we shall assume our part of the burden.

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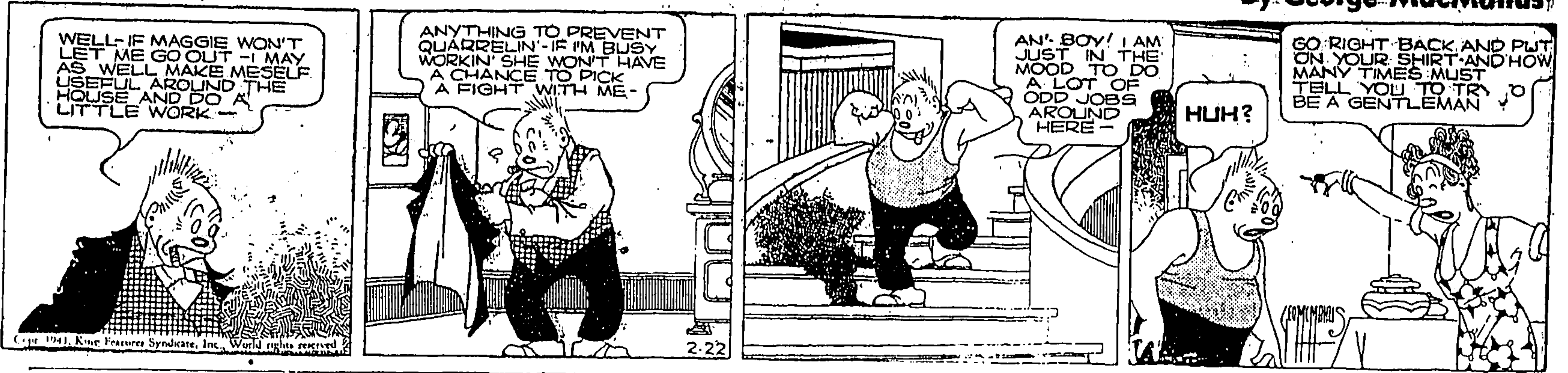
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The gay young blade's life begins at dusk and winds up at dawn.

Bringing Up Father.

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bride's Groomed Beauty

A girl should look her loveliest on her bridal day. Every detail of grooming must be attended to so that her lovely gown and exquisite jewels may have the background of beauty they so richly deserve.

Fashion now decrees that a bride may wear a lovely jewel piece—say of diamond butterfly orchids on her veil instead of the orthodox wreath of flowers. Such a piece may be the wedding gift of the groom to his bride, to harmonise with the cherished jewels on her third finger, left hand. This new custom makes it more important than ever for the bride to be her most exquisite—she should be a jewel adorned with jewels.

For weeks before the wedding day hair, hands and face must be pampered. Skin must be soft and free of blemishes, hair must gliss ten from hours of care, and hands should boast long, shapely nails and skin smooth as velvet.

Advice To Bride

Nails cannot grow long and tapering overnight—it takes at least two weeks. Every day push the cuticle back with an orange stick, pinch the top of your fingers into shape whenever you think to do it. Keep your cuticle and nails well lubricated each night with oil, and massage your hands with cream. File with an emery board only enough of the nail to shape it—let it grow long so a professional manicurist will have something to work on the day before the wedding!

Yes, of course, you should have your manicure and your hair set the day before the wedding. If you plan to have a facial, and can arrange to have it in your home, that may be given you on your wedding day—at least two hours before the ceremony.

Your make-up, as good taste demands, should be soft. One of the opaque rose or shell shades for your fingernails—that is if you are wearing the customary white wedding gown—and carefully selected powder, rouge and lipstick. Go to a salon or cosmetic counter



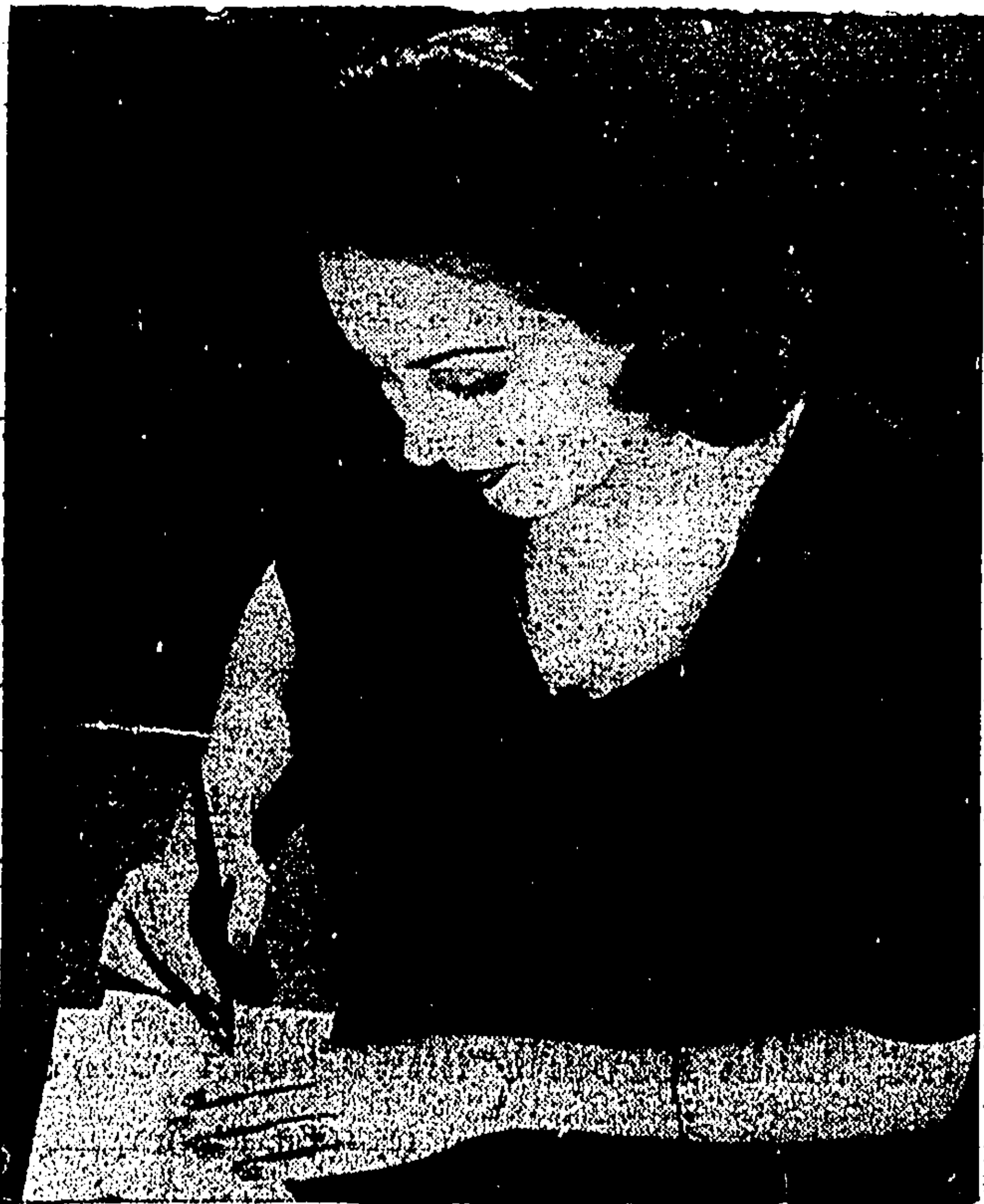
This lovely bride is wearing a diamond spray of flowers on her veil which dramatises her rare beauty. Her nicely shaped hands, meticulously groomed hold two roses tucked between the pages of her prayer book and her third finger, left hand boasts a wedding ring of baguette diamonds and a square-cut solitaire.

the week before your wedding day, select your new make-up in broad daylight and then experiment with it once or twice. If you are wearing jewels (and we hope you are lucky enough to be wearing them) you may be aided by that new selection of make-up which a leading beautician blended especially to harmonise with the beauty of jewels. A soft rose in this group is beautifully

natural and most flattering to most fresh skins.

Remember too, your perfume. Even if you can afford only enough for the one occasion, do get yourself a lovely, lovely fragrance. Spray it on your veil, inside your gloves and inside the hem of your gown as well as about your face. I'll bet the groom will never forget that lovely aroma as long as he lives!

Keep Hands Lovely



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With May here, can your engagement be far behind? You know what spring does to man—it gives him a yearning to get a wife and feather a nest. If you want your dream prince to pop the question you might try luring him with hands which are beautifully soft and carefully attended—a perfect background for a lovely ring, and mighty nice to hold!

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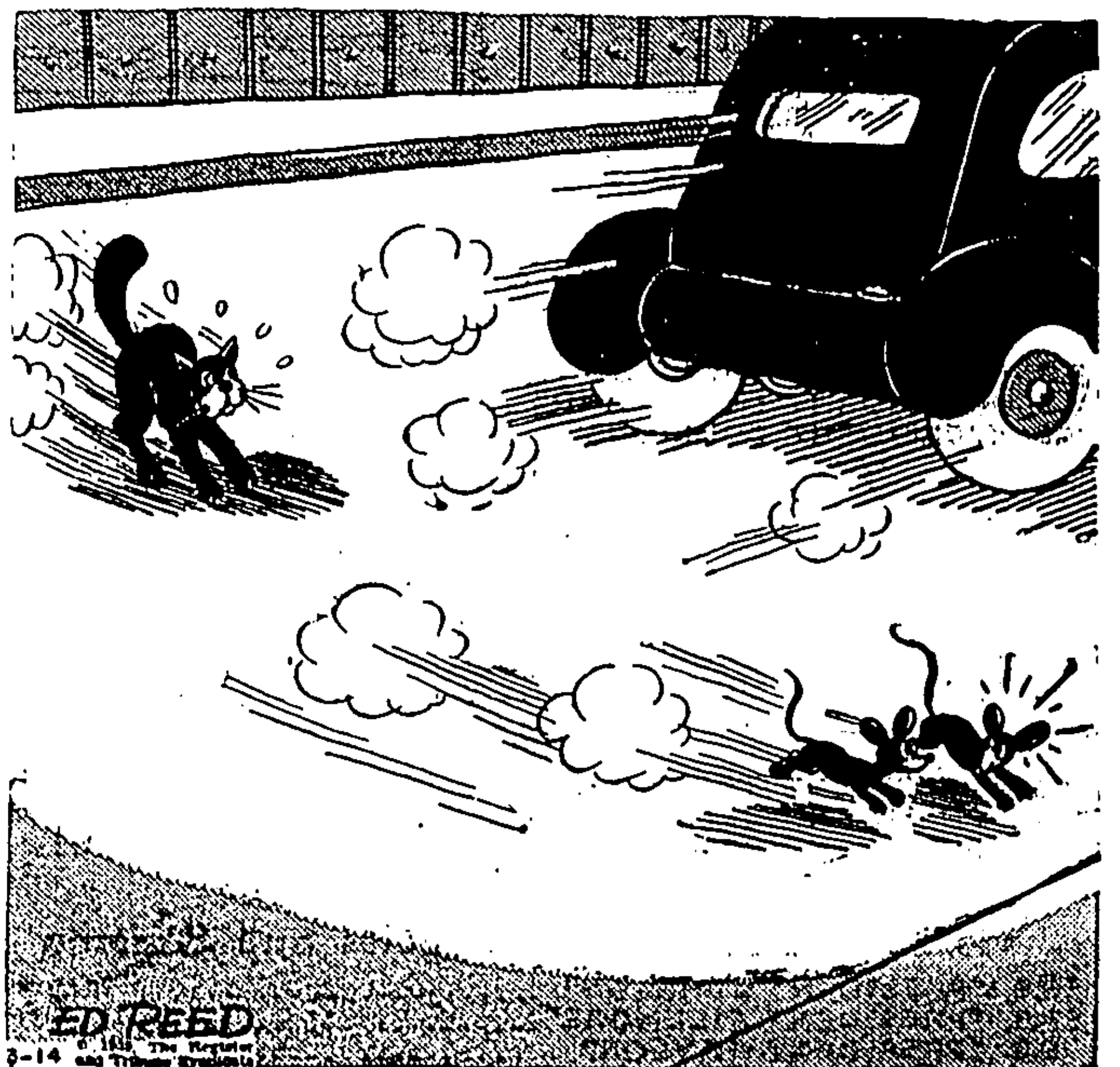
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If you do get the desired ring, please wear (at first at least) a delicate shade of nail polish so the full beauty of your diamond may be seen at a glance. Some now young love, an engagement ring, soft hands with delicate polish all seem to tie in together, don't they? Innocence, purity, modesty and happiness. And your beau will be pleased too, as men do not seem to approve vivid nail polishes! They tolerate them but they do not approve of them.

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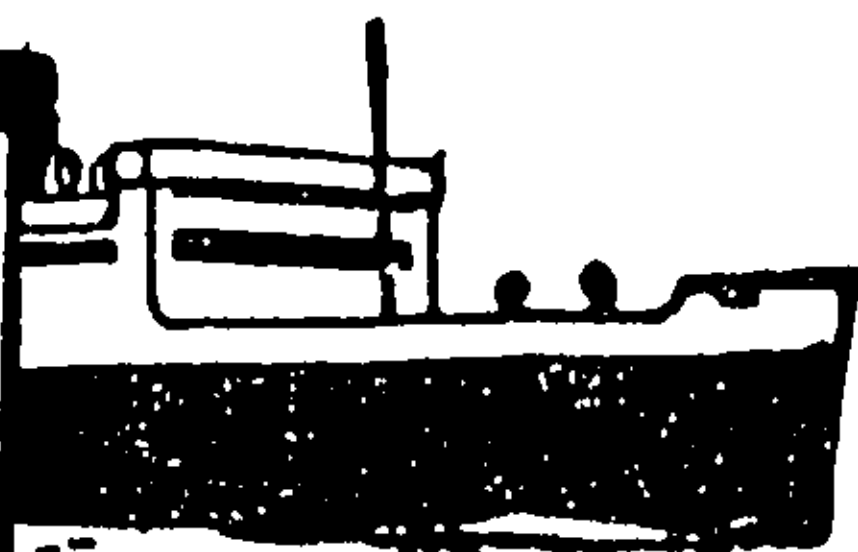
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre. (Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire London.)
7.50 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs—Selection; Sailing Along—Selection; Slipova (Barry & Straight).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
10.15 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Musketiers Melodies No. 1—Intro.; Dinner at Eight; Goodnight Little Girl of My Dreams; Don't Blame Me; I've Found the Right Girl; Trouble in Paradise; Yvonne; The Last Round Up... The Four Musketeers with Piano.
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Humorous—Scientifically, Of Course! (Crick & others); If You Pretend You're Blue (Crick & others)... Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

ST. JOHN'S HALL THEFT

WAN LEUNG, 21, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX WEEKS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY, THIS MORNING, FOR STEALING A DIAMOND RING, VALUED AT \$350, AND \$150 IN CASH, FROM LIU KONG-FONG, AT ST. JOHN'S HALL, HONG-KONG UNIVERSITY, ON TUESDAY.

Sergeant Goldie said that Liu is the caterer to the Students' Mess. On Tuesday morning, he discovered one of his luggage bags had been forced open and that the diamond ring was missing. The Police were informed, and defendant was detained on suspicion. Defendant later admitted the theft. The ring and money were found hidden under a stove in a house in Hill Road.



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By "Adrem"

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The scores, Yan-pui's given first, were 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 4-6.

Wai-pui early on gave the impression that he would be unable to stroke any better than he did in the semi-final against S. A. Rumjahn. His forehand drive simply would not work and his service, although he resorted to a great deal to the heavily-sliced variety that stands up and looks at the receiver, was pie to his brother.

As the match progressed, however, so did the former champion's game improve and in the last two sets, although he was making far more errors than he used to, he was confidence personified, particularly so when driven into losing positions. His passing shots on both wings were well-timed and extremely well-placed, and Yan-pui, on the occasions that he took the net, was made to look very second rate.

An Enigma

I spent a long time trying to analyse Wai-pui's game but I still find it difficult to understand. On the run of play from the middle of the second set onward, he should have won in four sets.

When in the most critical situations, however, he still continued to show a supreme indifference to the value of a point or game and I couldn't help thinking at times that he was governed to a certain extent by brotherly love!

Towards the end his service was better than his brother's. He occasionally crashed in a winner and his second service got up so far and so sharply that Yan-pui had great difficulty in controlling any attempt to attack it. His courtcraft throughout was better than his younger brother's, the latter being consistently caught on the wrong foot.

In the first set Yan-pui played some of the finest tennis seen in the Colony for a long time. At one stage he could do nothing wrong. Taking the ball on the rise, he was sending over unreturnable drives that raised chalk from the biddies and were rarely shorter than a couple of feet from the baseline. In all departments he was supreme. His service was deadly and I have seldom if ever seen Wai-pui ace so frequently.

Later he fell away badly, losing all control of his forehand and inevitably bungling anything on the volley. Also he appeared to be far more exhausted than his brother and on numerous occasions left balls that he could have got to with but little effort.

After the whirlwind opening, the match was unquestionably disappointing and I cannot see a very big crowd paying a further \$2 to enter the Stand for the replay.

The Play

Although nine games were played in the first set, it did not occupy more than 18 minutes. Yan-pui was away to a 5-1 lead in very quick time and although Wai-pui was able to stop the rot to some extent, and capture three games, the younger brother was undoubtedly good value for his win.

In the second set Wai-pui again got away quickly. Leading 3-1, he was 40-15 on service, but allowed the opportunity of securing a commanding lead to slip out of his grasp and Wai-pui, who by this time was full of confidence, won the set at the 10th game.

In the third set, Wai-pui lost the first two games but easily made up the deficit and went on to lead 5-4. Much to everyone's

surprise, on the run of play, Yan-pui won the set. In the final set Yan-pui was pathetic and most of his points were won on his brother's mistakes. The less said about it the better.

ARMY TENNIS

The 24th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, beat 30th Heavy Battery, R.A., by two points to one in a "B" Division Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Capt. Simons and L/Bdr. Denton (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Chal-thrope and Bdr. Gill, 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

Sgt. Warder and Br. Pidgeon (24th R.A.) beat Major Templer and Bdr. Casey, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Sgt. Lyons and L/Bdr. Hannan (24th R.A.) beat L/Bdr. Maynard and Gnr. Marshall, 5-7, 6-8, 6-0.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT ROYALS

Had Royal Scots taken advantage of a few of the many scoring opportunities they had, particularly in the second half, they would have beaten South China comfortably in the friendly game at Caroline Hill yesterday.

As it was South China won by 3 goals to 1 after Royal Scots had opened the scoring. All the goals were scored in the first half.

Hossack was seen on the left-wing and he showed good ball control but was very weak in his shooting. Auld, in the centre forward berth was slow and missed several chances.

Parnaby was the mainstay in the intermediate-line and marked Lee Wai-tong well. Bankier again gave a good display while Fraser and Naysmith were as safe as usual.

South China included several Eastern players in the team. Hsu King-seng was seen at left-half and played a hard game.

Royal Scots took the lead through Auld but Lau Chung-sang equalised shortly after. South China took the lead when a defender deflected a free kick taken by Lee Wai-tong and shortly after Lee Wai-tong increased the lead with a good shot from close in.

In the second period Royals had more of the play but in spite of good approach work their finishing was weak and they could not score.

SOUTH CHINA—Tan Kwong-hon; Tse Kam-hung and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Hin-choi; Lam Tak-po and Hsu King-seng; Chung Yung-sang; Lau Chung-sang; Lee Wai-tong; Chow Man-chi, and Lee Shek-yau.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier; Naysmith and Fraser; Adamson; Parnaby and Marshall; James Ballie; Auld; Munro and Hossack.

INTER-HONG SWIMMING

The programme of the first inter-Hong swimming gala of the season to be held at the European Y.M.C.A. on June 11 was arranged yesterday. Mr. C. F. Hyde was in the chair and was supported by Mr. E. W. Raiton (Secretary), Mr. Stewart (Butterfield and Swire), Miss S. Basket (A.P.C.), Mr. W. Forsyth (Kowloon Dock), Mr. F. M. Thompson (Hong Kong Bank), and Mr. G. Arnold (Standard Oil), Messrs. A. F. May and R. Goldman (Y.M.C.A.).

Entries will close on May 20. Messrs. Thompson and L. A. Benn (Dudwell's) will be responsible for collecting the Hong Kong teams and Mr. Forsyth the Kowloon entries.

V.R.C. MEETING

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, was re-elected Chairman for the fifth successive year at the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

The following committee was elected.—Messrs. D. Lyon, A. A.

SINGLES FINAL TO CONTINUE

A rather unexpected decision has been arrived at by the Hong Kong Cricket Club authorities with regard to the unfinished Colony singles final. The final set will now be played this afternoon following the Final of the Club championship, which starts at 4.45.

ROSE FIANA GOES LAME

By "Rapier"

Rose Fiana belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, which has been entered for the second section of the West River Handicap to be run on Saturday, taken out by a Chinese riding boy this morning for exercise, was found to be lame.

The riding boy dismounted and the pony was led back to the stables by a mafoo.

Noronha, S. A. Rumjahn, M. B. Gutierrez, W. L. Clark, F. M. Castro, A. O. Barretto, J. H. Lawrence, D. Ribeiro, L. M. Remedios (Hon. Treasurer), L. Roza-Pereira (Hon. Secretary).

THOROUGHbred RAISING INDUSTRY ON UPGRADE IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA'S THOROUGHbred breeding industry has made rapid strides since pari-mutuels were legalised there. It is now the fastest growing in the world, writes a correspondent.

Stallions of immense importance have joined the galaxy of producers now assembled in the far west. Beau Pere, peer of Australian stallions, recently arrived to serve as chief stud for Louis B. Mayer at Deep Cliffe.

Seabiscuit, leading money winner of all time and a paladin among horses, and Kayak II, the Argentine in temporary semi-retirement, hold court at Willets.

The advent of Australian and Argentine blood is something Kentucky cannot duplicate at the moment.

English War Refugees

Widely different blood lines are represented.

Scores of beautifully bred foreign mares, most of them English war refugees, have been imported. Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, Charles S. Howard, Walter T. Wells and Neil McCarthy acquired stellar lasses within the last six months. Recently a boatload of Australian mares unloaded at San Pedro for Mayer to be mated to "Beau" Pere.

Known producers—a few from Kentucky and Virginia—have been quietly switched to California. Alfred the Great, son of Teddy and a fine French stake horse, was brought to the coast by Raoul Walsh, who also has Grand Manitou, scion of a powerful French family, at his rancho in Mendocino county.

Producers Switched

Firezore, from the Aga Khan's world famous ball track, is located at Walter Wells' Rancho Oro Primo near San Fernando. Firezore won in England and had phenomenal speed. Mrs.

Vanderbilt Phelps has Cynic, a powerfully bred Britisher, at Carmel.

Cynic, by Captain Cuttle, bagged the Epsom Derby. Sierra Nevada, a Guinsborough British stake horse, is on duty at the Neil McCarthy place, near Los Angeles. L'garoff, Don Milke and Ra II, first-class Argentines, B'ng Crosby's, are at Rancho Santa Fe. Sunspore is a Sun Briar to Ham Cotton's haras.

Derby Winners

Top Row dwells at Newhall. Dress Parade, son of Man o' War, is at Walter Hoffman's Rancho Casitas. Hollywood, kingpin as a juvenile, is at Cupertino for D. J. Davis, who owned the late Phar Lap. Gay World, a muddy track Texan, serves for H. C. Hill, who bred Sweepida in his back yard in Stockton. Roman Soldier, by Cohort, is a solid stake horse standing in California.

Such blood as that of Phalaris, Son of Law, Guinsborough, Teddy, Massines, Congreve and Ruston Pasha ought surely to accomplish wonders.

California assignments may soon again be shipped in trainloads as the Golden State threatens to regain from Kentucky the position it once held as the principal centre of the thoroughbred breeding.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.F.C.
Second Division (v C.C.C.)
J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C.)
E. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, B. A. Mansell and J. Russell (Skip).
B. J. Bickford, F. Flippance, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).
E. Casey, A. G. Gratton, V. H. Freeman and P. Morgan (Skip).
C.S.C.C.
First Division (v P.R.C., Away)
M. E. Purvis, T. Seddon, V. S. Ebbage and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellatly, E. Kirmion, H. F. Harper and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hemsey and J. F. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves: A. F. Shephard and M. Scott.

K.B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v K.B.G.C., "B" Home)
W. I. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sherriff (Skip).
First Division "B" (v K.B.G.C., "A" Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip).
A. Morton, P. A. Pockham, D. W. Waterton and J. McKelvie (Skip).
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

P.R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service Cricket Club Home)
G. Perkins, F. Nolan, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip).
A. Soutar, H. Brown, W. McHardy and W. Mair (Skip).
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
Reserves:—Smith, C. Wilcox and A. McKenzie.
Third Division (v Club De Recreio Away)
C. Gough, J. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).
J. Hayward, C. Pile, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).
A. Howell, G. Davis, J. Riddell and J. McDonald (Skip).
Reserves:—G. Alexander, G. Davis and D. Taylor.

K.F.C.
Second Division (v Talkoo D.R.C. Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and N. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
C. Dowman, A. Dand, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v C.C.C. Home)
C. Woodcock, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and B. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
S. E. Cross, B. Thompson, A. MacKintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson and L. Bones.

K.C.C.
First Division (v Club De Recreio Home)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip).
Geo. Lee, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip).
A. E. P. Guest, W. M. Parsons, N. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).
Second Division (v Stanley, P.O.C. Away)
A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).
R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overy and T. W. Carr (Skip).
E. C. Curtis, R. Leigh, W. Mulcahy and R. S. Meadows (Skip).

H.K.C.C.
Third Division (v H.K. Electric R.C. Away)
P. Morrison, D. J. Valentine, A. McKellar and A. Nissim (Skip).
E. A. R. Fowles, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip).
J. C. Haig, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Landon and J. H. Gilroy (Skip).

C.C.C.
First Division (v K.D.R.C. Home)
L. C. R. Souza, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Baga and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Roselet (Skip).
Second Division (v H.K.F.C. Away)
J. H. Xavier, F. K. Modi, L. E. Lamert and M. J. Medina (Skip).
L. Gaddi, W. E. Broadbridge, A. A. Razack and T. L. Lock (Skip).
S. R. Solina, H. G. Forman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).

Third Division (v K.F.C. Away)
W. J. Curd, P. K. Lau, C. W. Lam and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
L. M. Roza, L. S. Wing, M. A. Baptista and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. Lee, V. A. Jensen, D. A. Rozario and J. Pat (Skip).

HUGE SUMS MADE BY U.S. RACE CLUBS

New Betting Record Set

SANTA ANITA again made more than \$1,000,000 with a new American betting record—\$705,650 daily for a winter meeting of 51 days, writes an American Correspondent.

Tropical Park will show a profit of \$750,000 for its two sets of dates.

Hialeah had another remarkable run.

Pari-mutuel handles skyrocketed to new all-time highs as the machines made their first appearance in New York last season.

But this doesn't mean that racing hasn't reached its saturation point in the United States, and that it is no folly to build more tracks, for—

It is significant that of the four most recently constructed tracks of any consequence in this country only one has survived.

That is Delaware Park in the tiny state of that name.

An ill-fated trio were the fabulously pretentious \$2,000,000 plant of the Golden Gate Turf Club, across the bay from San Francisco; ultra-modern Gulf-stream Park, near Hollywood, Fla., and North Randall, hard on Cleveland.

Too Many Tracks

While it has been thoroughly demonstrated that there are too many tracks now 40-odd recognised ones in 17 states, and that there are not enough horses to go around, there will be additional ovals in 1942 and there are moves for still more.

In New Jersey a plebiscite has cleared the way for three new strips.

Bills that would legalize wagering on the ponies are before the Pennsylvania and Indiana legislatures.

Influential forces seek to revive the business in Texas, where it has been dead for only a few years.

Fair Grounds reopens in New Orleans next winter.

They are trying to finance the Golden Gate Turf Club and Gulf-stream Park.

12,000 Thoroughbreds

There are about 12,000 thoroughbreds in this country. Only a small share of them are in training during any particular season. The rest are either being rested, are laid up for repairs, retired for breeding purposes or merely downright unworthy of bringing to the races.

Of those in training, the vast majority are cheap selling platers. These fill most programmes.

High-class horses, fit and ready to run, are at a premium.

The dearth of good animals was especially glaring last season even in such an old established racing state as New York, where the purses are always among the highest in the land. Day after day, many events drew four, five, six and seven-horse fields.

Good Horses Weeded

Good horses are the backbone of successful racing.

Without them habitual racegoers stay away from the track in droves. They don't care to play a lot of stumblebuns.

STAR ATHLETE RETIRES

Don Lash, for seven years one of America's top-ranking distance runners, has retired from competition to devote all his time to his job as an Indiana State policeman, states a correspondent in the United States.

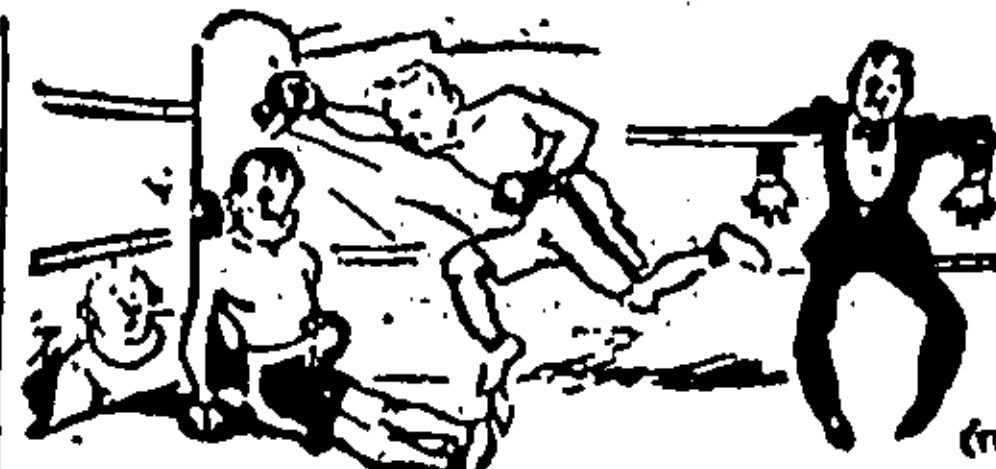
Lash in 1937 ran the two miles in the world record time of 8:58. Gregory Rice established a new world record for the distance on March 23, 1941, with a time of 8:51.1.

Lash was the nation's most consistent cross-country winner, capturing the National A.A.U. Cross-Country title last autumn for the seventh consecutive year.—Reuter.

LOUIS DEFENDS CROWN AGAINST CONN JUNE 18

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced last week that Joe Louis will defend his world's heavyweight title on June 18 against Billy Conn, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who has invaded the heavier class.

The match will be held in the Polo Grounds.



Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max, former world's champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 23, Buddy would fight Conn on June 18 instead of Louis meeting Conn.

It was believed that in the event Louis retains his title in both bouts, Abe Simon would get a crack at the crown in July and Lou Nova would be given a chance to wrest it from "Bomber Joe" in September.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S ARMY SPORTS

AT Shamshulpo to-day the athletic meeting between Combined Middlesex and Rajputs and Royal Artillery will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The following events will be held:

FIELD

Throwing the Javelin.
Throwing the Discus.
Throwing the Hammer.
Putting the Weight.
Pole Vault.
High Jump.
Long Jump.

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SERIOUS PRIVATION IN GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hundreds of thousands of hungry and homeless Greek refugees and soldiers and their families are asking "What next?" as the defeated and bewildered kingdom fights another foe — privation.

The suffering in Greece threatens to become worse daily.

The country's borders are shrinking rapidly as its neighbours take further slices.

The overseas wheat supply has been cut off and Yugoslavia, source of vegetable supplies, has gone.

While refugees are trudging into the interior from the border areas, Athens appears normal on the surface. — International News Service.

JAPAN AND AXIS PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REFERRING TO REPORTS THAT HITLER DEMANDED OF MR. MATSUOKA, JAPAN'S HELP IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT, COLONEL NAGAI, OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE, YESTERDAY DENIED THAT NAZI GERMANY ASKED JAPAN TO JOIN THE WAR.

Colonel Nagai, however, stated that he would like to remind the United States that Japan has obligations to the Axis if the United States enters the conflict. — International News Service.

Sandstorms Hampering Operations

BRITISH TROOPS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED FORWARD POSTS AROUND TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT. THEY INFLICTED CASUALTIES AND TOOK A NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

After failing last week to take Tobruk by assault enemy pressure appears to be easing, it was learned, and dive bombing, which reached a climax between May 1 and May 3, has now slackened.

The enemy is trying to hold a shallow dent in the south-west corner of Tobruk. They are in an uncomfortable position, frequently counter-attacked by British forces and often shelled.

Both sides are suffering from stifling sand-storms which are blowing all along the coast and have made communication and observation difficult.

In the Sollum area, British mechanised forces continue vigorous patrolling activities.

A British mobile unit which swept round behind Bardia and Capuzzo on May 3 and 4 caused the Germans to send out patrols into the desert far south of Sollum to prevent a repetition of the exploit.

Junkers' Hazards

The Germans are being supplied to some extent by Junkers 52 troop-carrying planes but many of these have already been destroyed by the Royal Air Force

and their journeys are becoming hazardous as reinforcements arrive for the Royal Air Force in the Western Desert.

The R.A.F. raided aerodromes at Benina, Derna, Gazala, Bardia and Berva during Monday night causing fires and explosions, while the previous night Calato aerodrome, in Rhodes, was successfully raided, causing considerable damage and large fires. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI FIRE DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Seven Chinese were burned to death and 20 injured when fire gutted seven small weaving factories in Shanghai.

A fireman was injured when he fell while trying to rescue a child whose corpse was later found under smouldering debris.

Nearly the entire French Concession fire brigade turned out to keep the roaring flames from spreading to consume a wide industrial and residential area. — International News Service.

HALF AMERICAN FLEET MAY MOVE INTO ATLANTIC

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transfer of the ships to Britain. — International News Service.

"Readier Than Ever"

The U.S. Navy was "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring delivery of war supplies to Britain, "if and when such duty was assigned to it," stated Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, speaking at his press conference yesterday.

Col. Knox also said the U.S. Navy was taking over the "sea-going activities" of the Coastguards.

Commenting on Mr. Stimson's broadcast, Col. Knox said he thought it "a forthright, courageous and very enlightening talk, animated by a high spirit of patriotism." — Reuter.

THREATS TO COURT OFFICIALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Heralding a possible resumption of terrorist activities against the Chinese courts in Shanghai, threatening letters have been received by court officials warning them to quit within a week, otherwise they will place their lives in danger. — International News Service.

ALLEGED FORGERY

Chan Piu, 32, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with possession of a forged inoculation certificate, purporting to have been issued by the Macao Government.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries, and released on bail of \$100. — Reuter.

BRAZILIAN FLOOD DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A brief report from Rio de Janeiro states that over 70,000 people are homeless as a result of floods which have ravaged the city of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

No further details are available. — International News Service.

DOVER HEAVILY SHELLED

The Dover area was rocked last night by a brief but vicious burst of shelling by German long-range guns mounted on the French coast.

The bombardment began in the bright light of the setting sun with salvos at intervals of several minutes.

The shell-fire warning was sounded. Cinemas emptied and audiences ran for cover.

One shell-burst overturned a car which caught fire. Two people were killed and 12 injured altogether.

Anti-aircraft guns fired on Messerschmitts spotting for the German artillery. One Messerschmitt spiralled down out of control and is believed to have crashed in mid-Channel. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following answers were given by the Hon. Director of Public Works to questions by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, in Council this afternoon:—

(1).—Verbal warnings were given on several occasions by a Land Bailiff of the Crown Lands Office that huts would be demolished if the owners did not do so themselves, and the 'elder of the squatters' was so informed.

(2).—The demolition was carried out by a Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department with the cooperation of a representative of the Medical Department. Both these officers hold warrants under regulation 37 (1) of the regulations made under Ordinance No. 5 of 1922 (Emergency Regulations) to take possession of, demolish and remove any structure erected without lawful authority on unleased Crown Land.

No huts were set on fire. The huts were dismantled and the poles and timber collected and taken away by lorries to a Government dump at Wanchai; the matting and palm leaves were destroyed by fire to prevent re-erection. This practice has been in force for many years, otherwise sheds are re-erected as soon as the demolition party has left the area.

(3).—Only huts were destroyed and each inhabitant was given ample warning to remove his or her personal belongings.

(4).—Squatters had previously been offered accommodation and food at Pat Heung Camp by Honourable Director of Medical Services who states, however, that only 66 persons availed themselves of this offer. Persons who were sick and willing to go to hospital were removed there by ambulance. In other cases, where the occupants were sick but refused to go to hospital or were too old to evict, the hut was not demolished.

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